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I finished drawing it!
I wonder if I've succeeded at making it as interesting as I'd hoped. That's what I'm thinking about.

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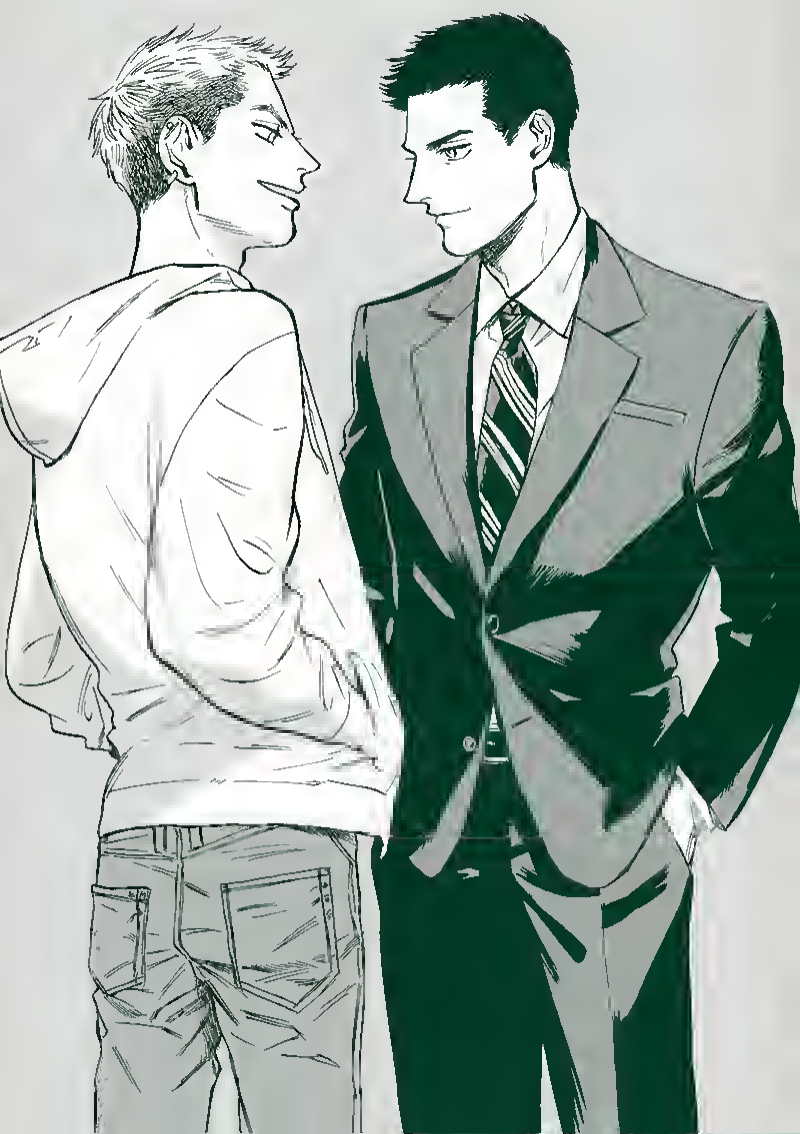

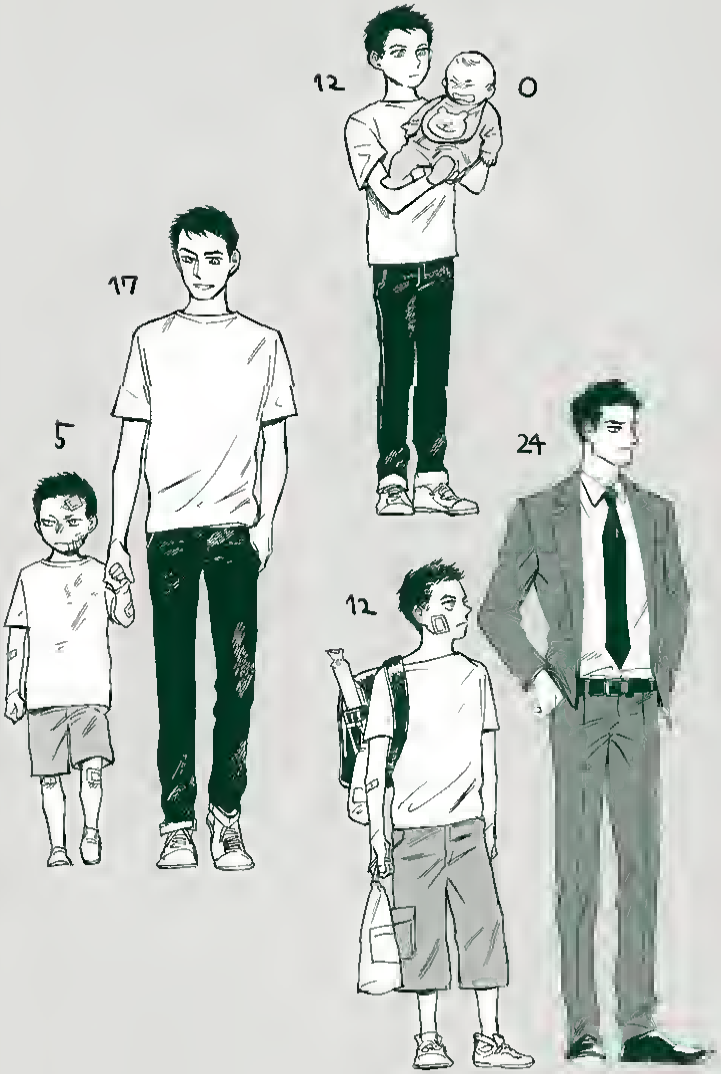
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ADMONITION FROM ELDER BROTHER
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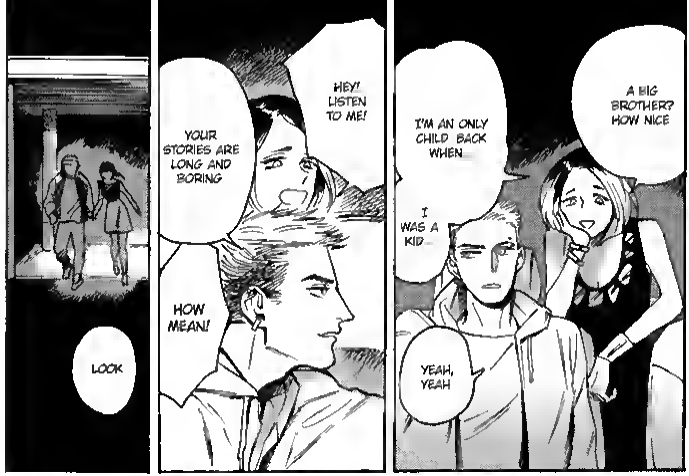
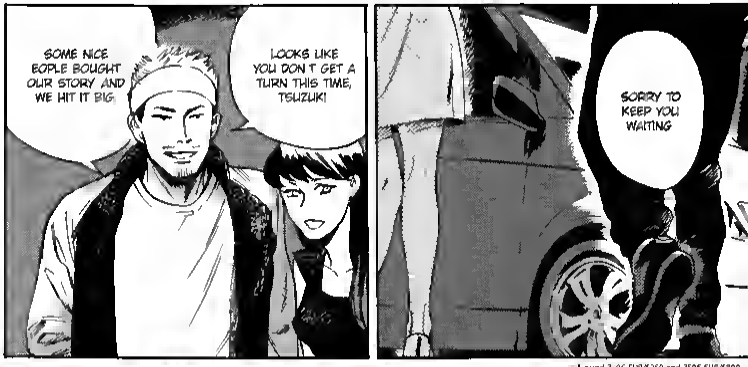
DIDN'T I TELL YOU

WHOA!
GOOD MORN-INGGG!
OH...?
...I USED TO.
YOU HAVE A BIG BROTHER?
SIGH. I HAD A BAD DREAM..
YOU FELL ASLEEP.
WHAT THE HELL? WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?
MY BIG BROTHER.
HE MIGHT BE DEAD
I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM IN TEN YEARS.
NOT YET.
DID HE CALL?




SOME NICE EOPLE BOUGHT OUR STORY AND WE HIT IT BIG!
LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T GET A TURN THIS TIME, TSUZUKI!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING

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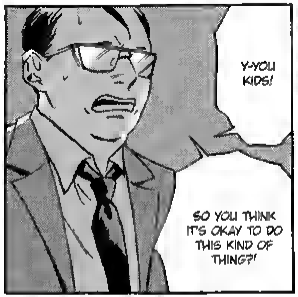
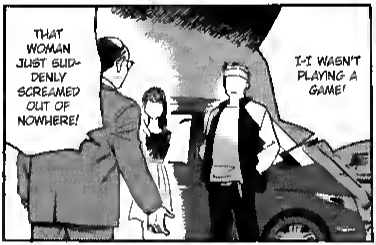
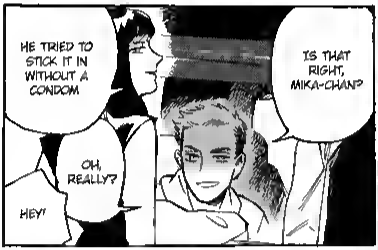
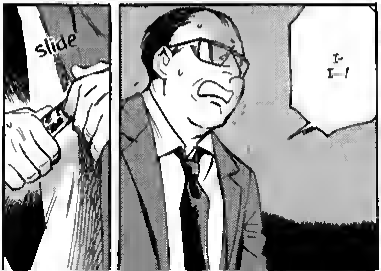

Y-YOU KIDS!
SO YOU THINK IT'S OKAY TO DO THIS KIND OF THING?!

LOOKS LIKE THERE MIGHT BE A CLAIM COMING OUR WAY.


THAT WOMAN JUST SUDDENLY SCREAMED OUT OF NOWHERE!
I-I WASN'T PLAYING A GAME!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT KIND OF GAME ISN'T ALLOWED?

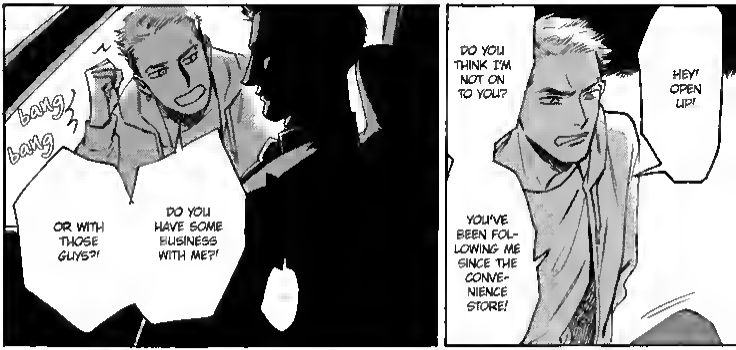

HE TRIED TO STICK IT IN WITHOUT A CONDOM
IS THAT RIGHT, MIKA-CHAN?
OH, REALLY?
HEY!


Slide
I-I—!

EEK!
GAH! THIS OLD COOT'S GOT A KNIFE!
creak
GIVE ME MY MONEY BACK!
smack
CRACK
SWEET DREAMS, OLD DUDE
THUD

SLAM
GOOD WORK, ZUKKI!
YEAH?
So cool, Zukki! ♡
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE
OH! LET'S STOP AT A CONVENIENCE STORE ON THE WAY!
UGHH!
FOR REAL? YOU'RE NOT GONNA COME?
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD
IS IT BECAUSE YOU DREAMED ABOUT YOUR DEAD BRO?
He's not dead.
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE NOT IN THE MOOD FOR FUN?
IT'S NOT THAT
GOT IT.
SEE YA GIMME A CALL
NAH I'LL STAY AT A HOTEL
IF YOU NEED TO SLEEP, YOU CAN USE THE OFFICE.

BAM
He's back!


bang bang
OR WITH THOSE GUYS?!
DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME?!
DO YOU THINK I'M NOT ON TO YOU?
YOU'VE BEEN FOLLOWING ME SINCE THE CONVENIENCE STORE!
HEY! OPEN UP!

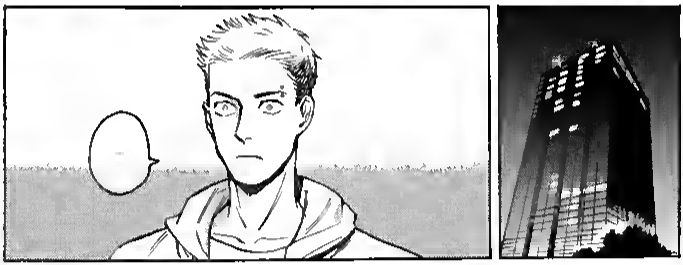
I HAVE BUSINESS WITH YOU TSUZUKI
OHH?
THAT'S A PRETTY LOUSY WAY TO SAY HELLO.
Creak

HUH?
WHO'RE YOU?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE
WHAT? HOW CRUEL HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ME?
IT'S HAJIME
HAJIME?
HAJIME
MY ANIKI?
YUP
I'M JOKING TO TELL THE TRUTH, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU
I WENT BY OUR HOME, AND THE WATER HAD BEEN CUT OFF
I THOUGHT I'D MISTAKEN YOU FOR SOMEONE ELSE, BUT...
I HAPPENED TO SPOT YOU AT THE CONVENIENCE STORE
HEY!
Over there...

EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
TELLING ME YOU'RE MY BROTHER OR WHATEVER?!
WHAT IS THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
I DON'T KNOW YOU!
THIS SCAR IS FROM WHEN YOU RAN INTO A WALL ON YOUR BIKE WHEN YOU WERE FIVE YEARS OLD
UGH!
CAN YOU SEE IT?
THIS SCAR

SO, DO YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR ANIKI NOW?
...
AND YOU STILL HAVE THE SCAR.
SLAP
AT THAT MOMENT, I WAS RUNNING DOWNHILL TOWARD YOU,
BUT YOU'D ALREADY COME OUT OF THE PARK AND STARTED DOWNWARD.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING UP TILL NOW?
MOM DIED, YOU KNOW.
WHAT...
I WENT TO THE HOUSE THE DAY OF HER FUNERAL... BUT...
I DIDN'T GO IN
I KNOW.

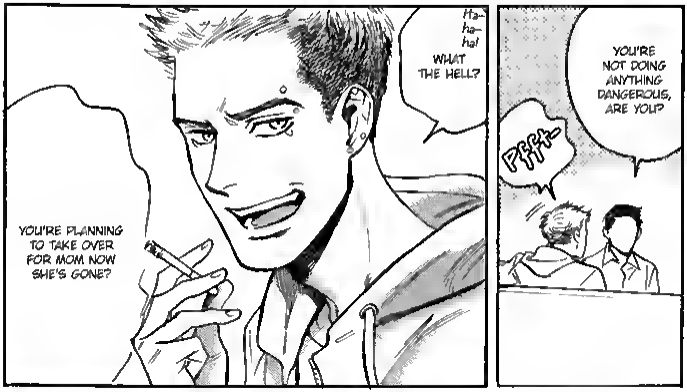
WE HAVE A LOT TO TALK ABOUT.
GET IN
THE ONES FROM EARLIER?
WHERE ARE YOU LIVING?
...WITH FRIENDS.
THEY HARDLY SEEM LIKE A HIGH-CLASS CROWD
SHUT UP

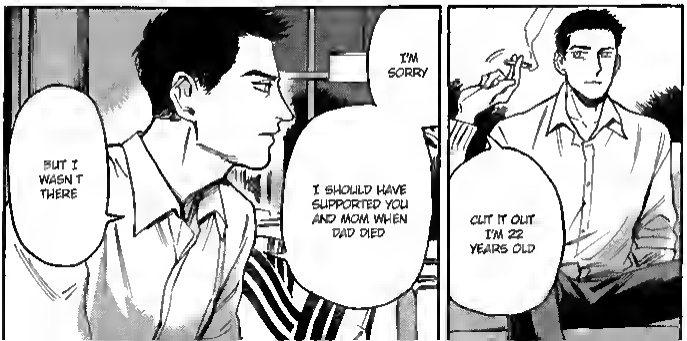


SERIOUSLY?

HMPH.
SO YOU MUST HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY.
flump
...WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO?
...OH YEAH BEFORE, I WAS WORKING OVERSEAS BUT NOW I'VE GONE INDEPENDENT
Are you okay with kids?
I SEE. SO SHE NEVER TOLD YOU.
...
flump
I USED TO SEND MOM MONEY EVERY MONTH, BUT...
I DON'T THINK SHE LIKED YOU.
WHEN I DID SOMETHING THAT ANNOYED HER, SHE'D SAY I WAS BECOMING LIKE YOU.
REALLY ...?
SHE'D SAY "DON'T BE LIKE YOUR BIG BROTHER."
WHEN I WASN'T TRYING HARD ENOUGH,
IS IT OKAY IF I SMOKE?
SURE.

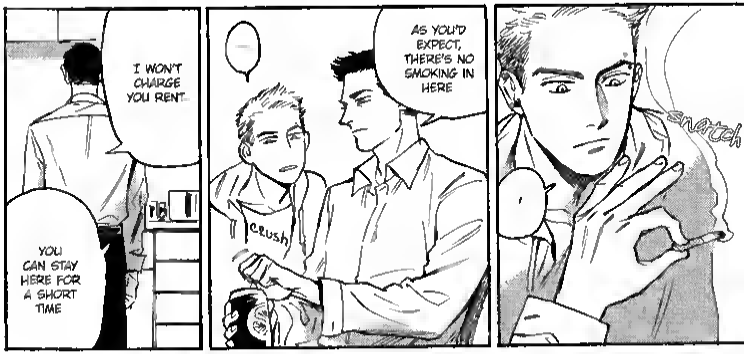
PART-TIME WORK
I HELP OUT A FRIEND WHO RUNS A FEW CALL GIRLS.
WHAT KIND OF WORK ARE YOU DOING?

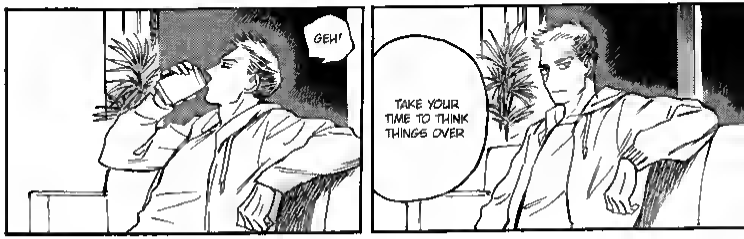

Ha-ha-ha!
WHAT THE HELL?
YOU'RE PLANNING TO TAKE OVER FOR MOM NOW SHE'S GONE?
YOU'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING DANGEROUS, ARE YOU?
Fffft


I'M SORRY
I SHOULD HAVE SUPPORTED YOU AND MOM WHEN DAD DIED
BUT I WASN'T THERE
CUT IT OUT I'M 22 YEARS OLD

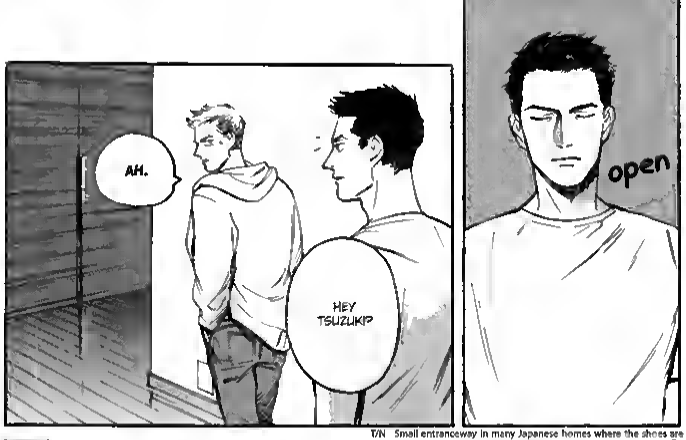
...BUT IT DOES.
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
IT'S NOT AS IF I COULDN'T LIVE A NORMAL LIFE WITHOUT YOU
HEH!
I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY.
I WANT YOU TO LIVE A DECENT LIFE
YOU'RE MY ONLY LIVING RELATIVE
YOU...
YOU WANT TO TAKE CARE OF ME FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE?
CREAK
SO WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

*Around 7,500€ EUR/$8,300 USD.

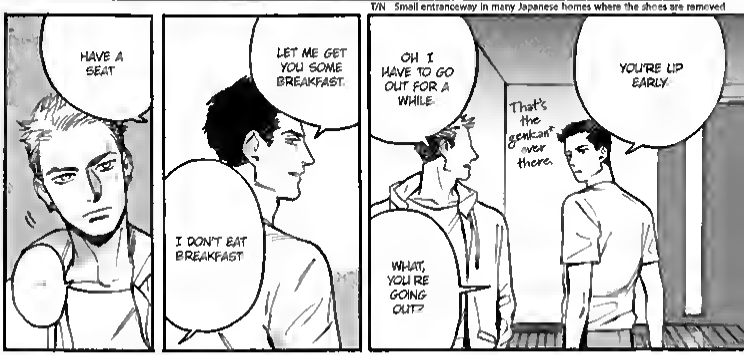




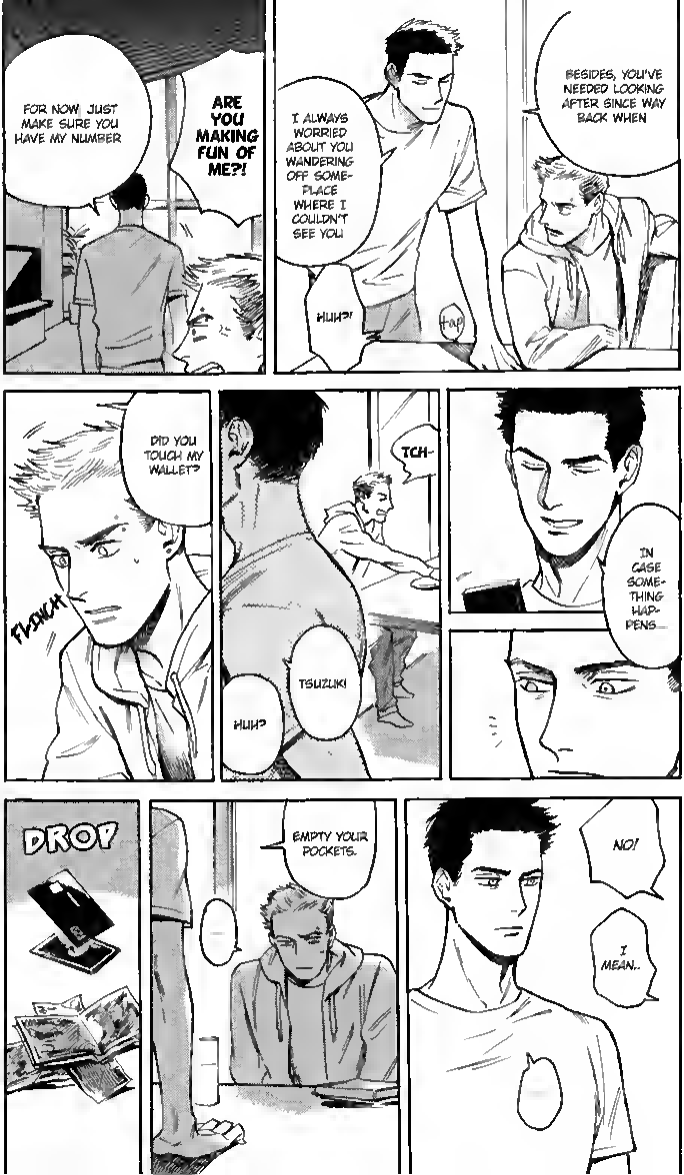
SO HE REALLY DOES HAVE A GUEST ROOM
THAT'S RIGHT I'M AT MY ANIKI'S.
NGH...
HUH...?
NH
IS HE STILL ASLEEP?



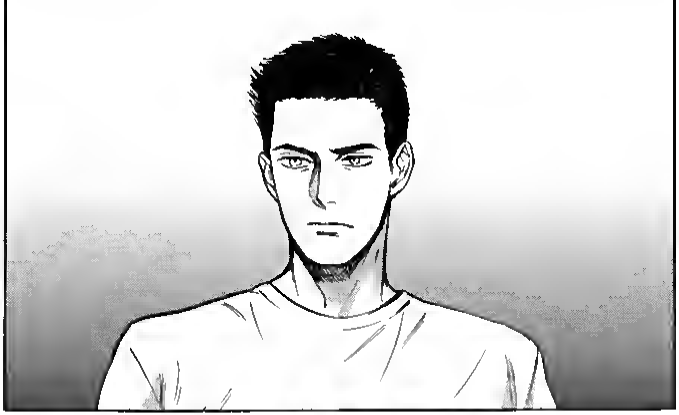
T/N Small entranceway in many Japanese homes where the shoes are removed

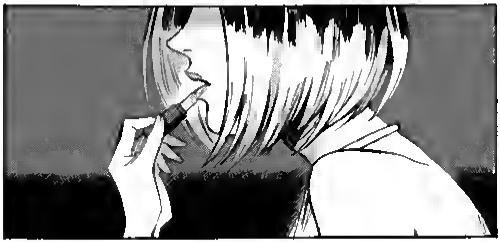

HAVE A SEAT
LET ME GET YOU SOME BREAKFAST.
I DON'T EAT BREAKFAST
OH I HAVE TO GO OUT FOR A WHILE.
WHAT, YOU'RE GOING OUT?
YOU'RE UP EARLY.
That's the genkan over there.

...
OH, YEAH. I SHOULD GIVE YOU MY PHONE NUMBER.
DO YOU KNOW THE APARTMENT NUMBER?
I GET HELD UP AT WORK A LOT.
HERE'S THE KEY TO THE APARTMENT.
CLINK
IT'S CREEPY.
WHY ARE YOU DOING ALL THIS?
...
YOU MAY SAY THAT, BUT YOU'RE FAMILY.
SHAKE
I DON'T RESENT YOU I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU
IF IT'S OUT OF GUILT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO
TINK


FOR NOW, JUST MAKE SURE YOU HAVE MY NUMBER
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?!
I ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT YOU WANDERING OFF SOMEPLACE WHERE I COULDN'T SEE YOU
HUH?
BESIDES, YOU'VE NEEDED LOOKING AFTER SINCE WAY BACK WHEN
DID YOU TOUCH MY WALLET?
FLINCH
TCH-
HUH?
TSUZUKI
IN CASE SOMETHING HAPPENS...
DROP
EMPTY YOUR POCKETS.
NO!
I MEAN..

HEH. YOU SHOULDN'T LEAVE IT OUT
YOU SHOULDN'T TRUST ANYONE, EVEN A BROTHER
DIDN'T MOM TEACH YOU NOT TO STEAL?
DON'T EVER DO SUCH THINGS.
SORRY, BUT...
ANYWAY, THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF GUY I AM!
TSUZUKI
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP!
BANG
TSU-ZUKI!
WAIT!
TSUZU-KI!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
SORRY IT HAPPENED, AND SORRY I'M A KLEPTO!



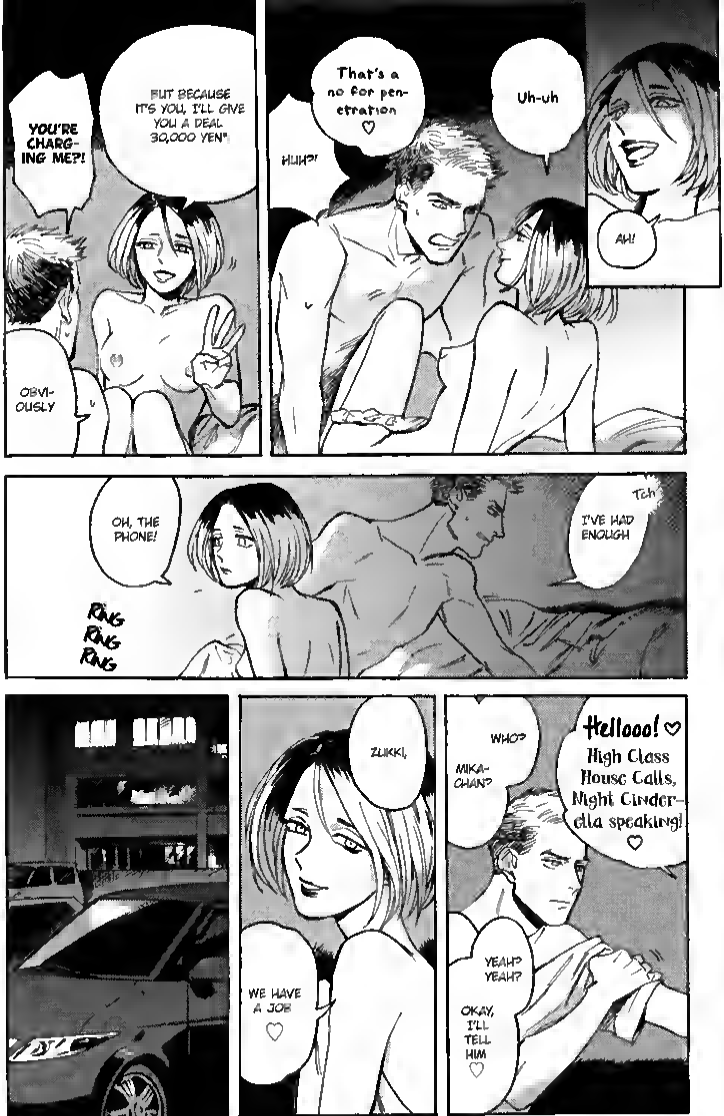


IF YOU DON'T NEED HIM, I SURE COULD USE A BIG BROTHER LIKE HIM
AND I'D JUST LOVE TO LIVE IN A LUXURY APARTMENT.

YOU SHOULD GO APOLOGIZE.
GOODY FOR YOU. IS HE RICH?
NO WAY.

I DIDN'T RUN AWAY.
SO, YOU RAN AWAY FROM YOUR BROTHER'S PLACE?

FOR A LONG TIME I HAVEN'T UNDERSTOOD WHAT HE'S THINKING
I STILL DON'T.
MAYBE BECAUSE HE TOOK OFF WHEN I WAS 12?
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO STAND HIM SINCE FOREVER
CUT IT OUT.
HE ISN'T A GOOD GUY
WHY? HE SOUNDS NICE ENOUGH
EE HEE HEE!
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'D BE OKAY WITH A GUY LIKE HIM?


YOU'RE CHARGING ME?!
BUT BECAUSE IT'S YOU, I'LL GIVE YOU A DEAL 30,000 YEN.
OBVIOUSLY
HUH?!
That's a no for penetration ♡
Uh-uh
AH!
OH, THE PHONE!
RING RING RING
Tch
I'VE HAD ENOUGH
ZUKKI,
WE HAVE A JOB ♡
WHO?
MIKA-CHAN?
YEAH? YEAH?
OKAY, I'LL TELL HIM ♡
Hellooo! ♡
High Class House Calls, Night Cinderella speaking! ♡

AND I GUESS THE CUSTOMER IS THE THIRD?
I TOLD HIM WE HAD TWO, SO WE'RE SENDING BOTH.
RIGHT. THAT'S THE NUMBER THE CUSTOMER MENTIONED.
HORNY'S RIGHT!
HORNY OLD MAN
NO WAY.
A THREE-WAY?
AND AFTERWARD, YOU CAN TELL US HOW IT FELT ♡
STUPID!
GET HIS INFO SOON AFTER YOU GET THERE
O-KAAAY! ♡
CITY HOTEL ROOM 204, OKAY?
YES YES.
LET'S BRING THE HAMMER OF JUSTICE DOWN ON HIM ♡
MEN ARE SUCH LECHERS.
open
I'D LIKE TO TRY IT ONCE.
OH YEAH?
NOPE
HEY TSUZUKI HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN A THREE-WAY?
Kyaa!
Kyaa!

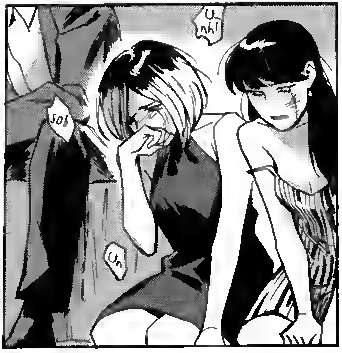
I BET IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THE CUSTOMER COULDN'T GET IT UP
Hehehehe
ALREADY? THAT WAS FAST
OH, IT'S THE GIRLS
RING RING RING
三力
WELL SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE GETTING START-ED
AND I DID TELL THEM TO CALL IF SOMETHING HAPPENED
YEAH
HURRY UP?
YEAH, YEAH
YEAH GOT IT, WE'RE ON OUR WAY
YOU'RE SO SLOW.

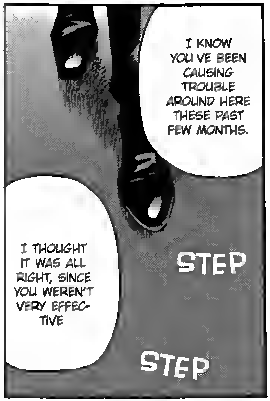
IS HE GOING TO WATCH?
RING RING RING
TOMOO?
click
H-Help. us!
sob
sob
MAKI?!
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG?!
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
TOMOO IS ON HIS WA—
GWH!

CRACK
SHIT!
WU-GH!
GUH!
AGH?!
SHA
BA
creak
THU
STOP STRUG-GLING!
YOU! BRAT!
WH ACK
UGH!
FUCK!
BAM
FUCKING BRAT!
CRACK
GUH!
WH ACK
GWAH!
WOBBLE

204
YOU'RE MAKING ME WORK TOO HARD
HUH?!
open
UGH
GAH!
THUD

Hah

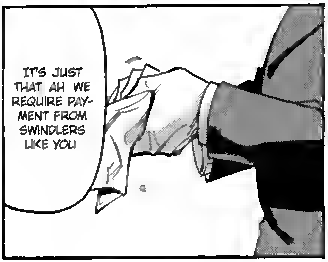

Uh...
Sob
Uh...


I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN CAUSING TROUBLE AROUND HERE THESE PAST FEW MONTHS.
I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL RIGHT, SINCE YOU WEREN'T VERY EFFECTIVE
STEP
STEP

YAMAUCHI-SAN
IS THIS ALL OF THEM?
STEP

UGH.
AH-
CHUFF
COUGH
COUGH

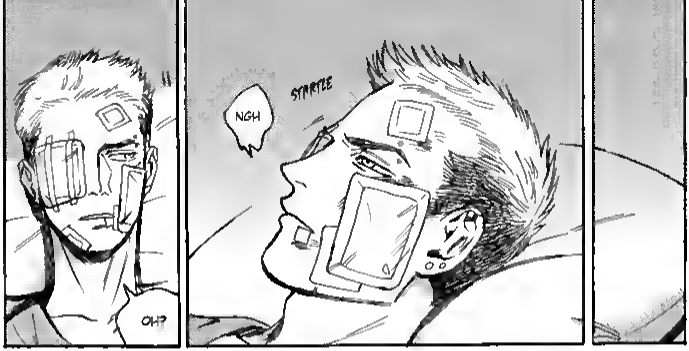
YAMA-
UCHI?
Hah
YOU'VE BEEN CUTTING INTO OUR BUSINESS.
I GUESS YOU DIDN'T REALIZE THAT DOING THE SAME BUSINESS AS US AROUND HERE WOULD CAUSE US TROUBLE.

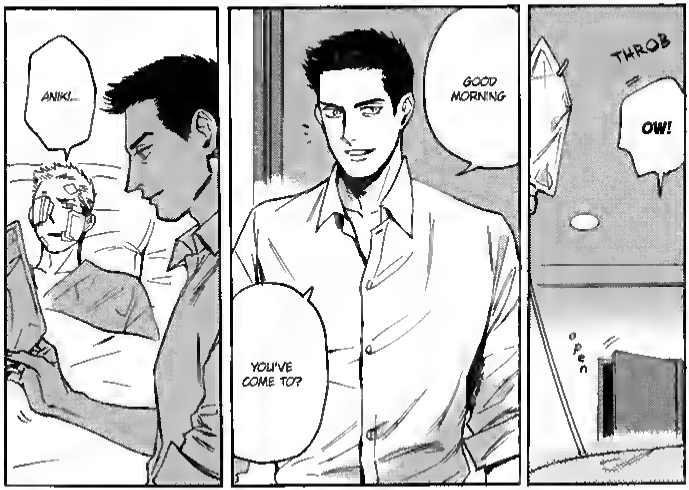

IT'S JUST THAT AH WE REQUIRE PAYMENT FROM SWINDLERS LIKE YOU!

SO UNKIND
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?

LET ME HANDLE HIM!
NO, IT'S FINE.
HE DID IT AGAIN. THIS FUCKING KID!
SMASH
GAH!
NIKI...
squish
GUH!
BUT YOU WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME, AND THAT'S WHY YOU GOT HURT.
THAT'S ENOUGH. IT'S KIDS' STUFF. THEY'VE LEARNED THEIR LESSON.
WHAT SHALL I DO WITH 'EM?
EE!
WINCE
GIVE THEM CAB FARE AND SEND THEM HOME.

SHOULD I DUMP HIM?
NO, I'LL TAKE HIM
YOU WERE TOO ROUGH ON THIS ONE.
SORRY HE FOUGHT BACK TOO HARD
UH...
I WON'T, IF YOU ASK ME NOT TO.
ARE YOU... GOING TO KILL HIM?

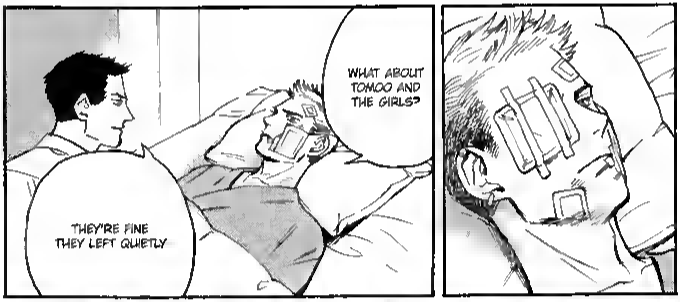

OH?
NGH
STIRTLE


ANIKI...
GOOD MORNING
YOU'VE COME TO?
THROB
OW!
open

YOU'RE A REAL YAKUZA, AREN'T YOU?
WHAT WAS THIS WORK OVERSEAS YOU WERE DOING?
DAMMIT!

Will you have some apples?
I WAS IN DEBT TO MY CURRENT ORGANIZATION
SO TO PAY THEM BACK, I WENT TO PRISON FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN SOMEONE ELSE'S PLACE
X overseas O incarcerated
DON'T EXAGGERATE.
BACK THEN, VARIOUS THINGS HAPPENED.
THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T ESCAPE
I JUST DID MY TIME SO I COULD GET TO THIS.
crunch
THEY HAD A GOOD POSITION WAITING FOR ME.
THEN WHEN MY PRISON TERM ENDED
SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAME AND FOUND ME?
I GOT COMPLAINTS, SO I COULDN'T AVOID GETTING INVOLVED
YOU GUYS WERE GETTING UP TO MISCHIEF PRETTY OFTEN RIGHT?
I HAVE CONNECTIONS IN THE SEX INDUSTRY AROUND HERE

OTHERWISE, WHY WOULD I HAVE GONE TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION?
SERIOUSLY...?
I'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT YOU FOR A LONG TIME.
THAT'S NOT WHY I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU.
YOU'RE MY BELOVED LITTLE BROTHER
HMPH
...WHEN I GAVE YOU THAT WARNING
I GUESS I SHOULD HAVE STATED IT MORE STRONGLY.


WHAT ABOUT TOMOO AND THE GIRLS?
THEY'RE FINE THEY LEFT QUIETLY

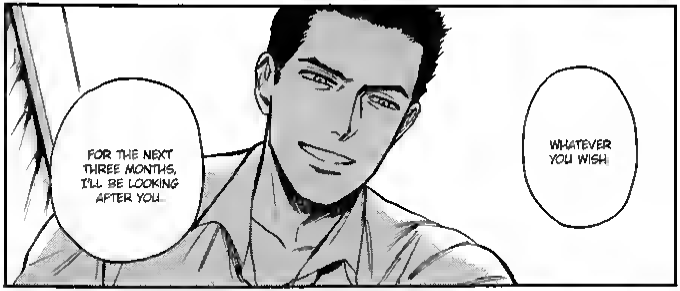
WHEN I LEFT WITH YOU,
ONE OF THEM TEARFULLY ASKED WHETHER OR NOT I WAS GOING TO KILL YOU.
...I SEE.

creak
CHERISH THEM
THEY'VE BEHAVED BADLY BUT THEY'RE GOOD FRIENDS
DON'T BECOME SOMEONE WHO MAKES HIS MOTHER CRY AND HIS LITTLE BROTHER HATE HIM.
TSUZUKI
DON'T BE LIKE ME.
AND I ONLY HAVE A BIG BROTHER.
BUT MOM ISN'T AROUND ANYMORE...
YEAH.
THEN DON'T MAKE ME SAD.

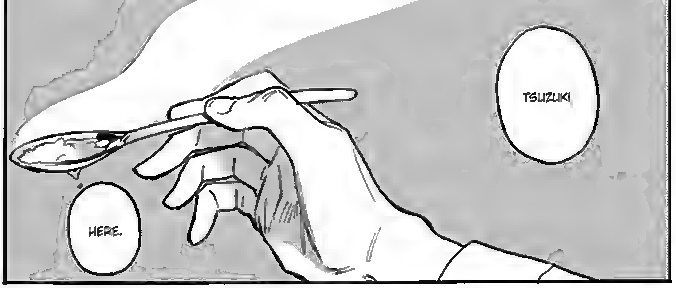
touch
SO YOU'RE TELLING ME TO TAKE A DIFFERENT PATH FROM YOU?
BUT IT'S STILL OKAY TO STAY WITH YOU?
OF COURSE

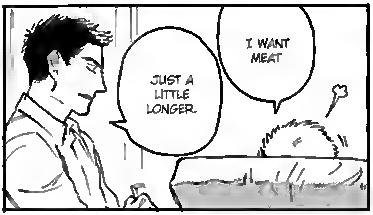
OH!
MY DICK HAS BEEN FEELING STRANGE FOR A WHILE NOW...
HM?
UH ANIKI...
FIDGET
MM...
THAT'S RIGHT SINCE YOU LOST CONSCIOUSNESS,
THEY SET YOU UP WITH A CATHETER
AH
WHOSH
BUT, MAYBE WE CAN TAKE IT OUT, AND YOU CAN USE THIS.
HUH?
HEY!
SEEMS THE DOCTOR SAID IT'D TAKE YOU ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR A FULL RECOVERY.
Both arms and both legs are broken.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE FOR TWO MONTHS.
BENC

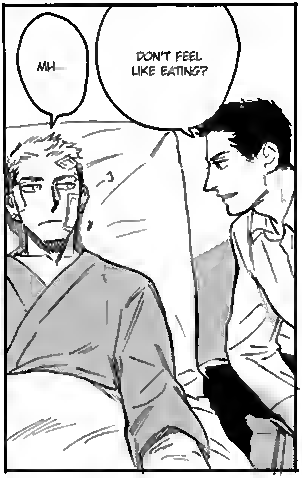
I USED TO CHANGE YOUR DIAPERS.
Over a million!
IT'S FINE AFTER ALL.


FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS, I'LL BE LOOKING AFTER YOU.
WHATEVER YOU WISH.

NOW NOW TAKE IT EASY.
YOU SAID YOU WERE SORRY, BUT YOU'RE REALLY HOLDING A GRUDGE, AREN'T YOU?!


TSUZUKI
HERE.


I WANT MEAT
JUST A LITTLE LONGER.

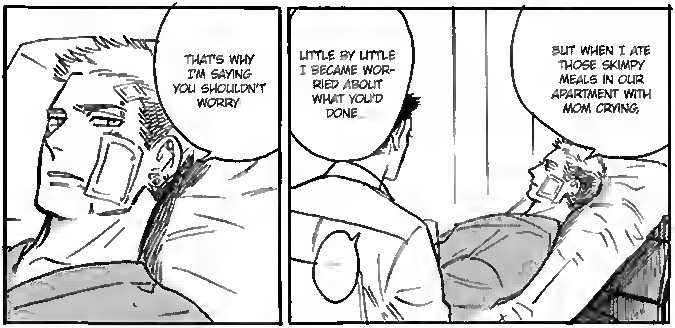

MH.
DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING?

...COME ON.

I WONDER IF YOU'D BE SAFE AT HOME
IT'S GOOD FOR YOU TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL, BUT...
BUT AREN'T YOU SERIOUSLY INJURED?
WHAT IF I WEREN'T IN THE HOSPITAL?
SO IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD FOR THE ONE WHO CAUSED YOU TO BE HERE TO LEAVE YOU.
ULTIMATELY, I'M THE ORIGIN OF YOUR INJURIES,
AND,
WHAT THE HELL?
I'VE WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU FOR TEN YEARS.
GOOD BOY! YOU ATE IT ALL UP

THAT'S RIGHT
YOU'RE AN ADULT ALREADY
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID!
I WANT TO TRY AND MAKE UP A LITTLE FOR THOSE TEN YEARS.
I'M SORRY FOR NEGLECTING YOU FOR SO LONG
YOU AND MOM HAD SO MANY HARDSHIPS...
WHEN I WAS A KID...
I REMEMBER DAD LEFT BEHIND QUITE A BIT OF DEBT AND A BUNCH OF HOOD-LIKE GUYS KEPT COMING AROUND
IT'S NOT AS IF...
YOU DIDN'T GO THROUGH A LOT, TOO.

IN MY CHILDISH MIND I KNEW...
...YOU HAD DONE SOMETHING
MOM DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BUT...
AND THEY STOPPED COMING ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT YOU LEFT


THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY
LITTLE BY LITTLE I BECAME WORRIED ABOUT WHAT YOU'D DONE...
BUT WHEN I ATE THOSE SKIMPY MEALS IN OUR APARTMENT WITH MOM CRYING;

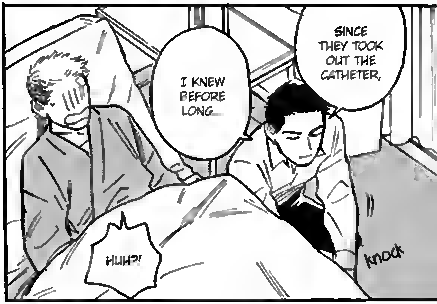
PLEASE LET ME WATCH OVER YOU AS YOUR ANIKI
WELL THEN, 'TILL YOUR INJURIES ARE HEALED,
Heh
GO FOR IT, ONII-CHAN...
REALLY?
AND I DON'T REALLY HATE IT WHEN YOU TREAT ME LIKE A KID
PAT
PAT
THEN I CAN PET YOU SOME MORE

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA BEFORE I GO?
HUH?
WELL, SINCE YOU'VE EATEN YOUR MEAL...
I SHOULD GET GOING SOON
OHH, SURE...?
glug glug
I'LL GET IT STARTED NOW
FRENCH
UH!
P
U
R
SHIT!
ANI-
AHH!
OW OW OW OW OW!
WAIT, WAIT!
FWAP

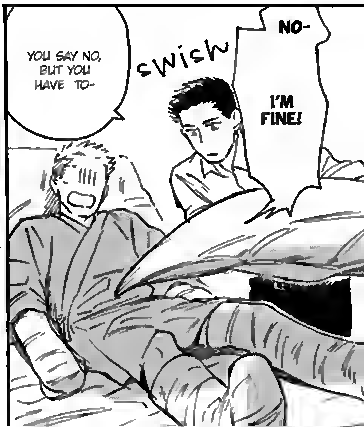
YOU NEED TO PEE?
I

DON'T MOVE! YOUR BONES AREN'T HEALED YET!
B-
BUT...

YOU NEED TO?
RETREAT
...!


SINCE THEY TOOK OUT THE CATHETER,
I KNEW BEFORE LONG...
HUH?!
knock

WH
AP
SLIDE
GYAH!
OW!
ST-
OP
IT!
THAT HURTS!


YOU SAY NO, BUT YOU HAVE TO-
swish
NO-
I'M FINE!

WHY ARE YOU RESISTING? IT'S JUST A LITTLE PEE?
WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE I WAS ALWAYS CHANGING YOUR DIAPER
SHUT UP!
pant pant
IT'S A LITTLE LATE TO GET EMBARRASSED. WHEN YOU'D WET YOUR BED, YOU'D COME CRYING TO ME WITH YOUR LITTLE DICK HANGING OUT...
WAAAH!
You sure peed a lot
STOP TALKING ABOUT WHEN I WAS A KID!
UGH!
tremble
HEY YEI-LING JUST PUTS MORE PRESSURE ON YOUR ABDOMEN
push
AH!
SHIT!
I SAID STOP!
NO!
AGH!
rustle
IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME IF IT GETS ON THE BED
NO...! STOP!

N-
NO!
THERE
Swoop
GYAH!
UGH!
AGH!
WA
AGH!
flow
AGH!
YOU CAN'T GO?!
AAAGG-GHHH
SSHHHH
GOOD IT'S ALL OUT

FROM NOW UNTIL YOU CAN GO TO THE TOILET UNDER YOUR OWN STEAM. THIS IS HOW IT WILL BE.
SERIOUSLY..?
IT'S THE WORST
GET USED TO IT
Do you have...
to go...
IF IT HAD BEEN A SEXY NURSE.
Yes?
SORRY ABOUT THAT
AGHH
WHAT THE HELL.

WHAT?
NOW, SOMETHING EVEN BIGGER HAS TO COME OUT
roll
GEEZ
HAH

HUH?
HEY-!
RAISE YOUR HIPS, TSUZUKI.
push

LIF
WH-
IT'S GOT TO COME OUT SOON.
UNTIL THIS MORNING, YOU WERE USING A CATHETER TO PEE, BUT YOU HAVEN'T POOPED FOR SEVERAL DAYS, HAVE YOU?
WH-WHAT?RE YOU SAYING?
GYAAAH!
On on on on!
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULDN'T STRUGGLE
YOU THINK I'M GONNA SHIT IN THERE?!
ARE YOU CRAZY?!
wh
am
CUT IT OUT! STOP FUCKING WITH ME!
HUH?! STOP FUCKING WITH ME! LET ME GO TO THE TOILET!
Why should I have to do that?!
STOP THIS CRAZY TALK!
Have you lost your mind?!
WHAT ABOUT IN A DIAPER?
NO NO NO NO NO ABSOLUTE-LY NO!!
Gyah!
Gyah!
I CAN'T DO IT!

IF I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT I'D RATHER STAY STOPPED UP AND DIE!
SHITTY ANIKI!
RUMBLE
OH...?!
HUH?
NOT BEING ABLE TO GO FOR SEVERAL DAYS, YOU'RE PROBABLY CONSTIPATED.
SHIIIIIT
RUMMBLE
SO I GAVE YOU A LAXATIVE
I HESITATED TO GIVE YOU AN ENEMA.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S FULL OF SHIT, IT SEEMS.
AGH! YOU! THAT FOOD YOU GAVE ME...!
BUT YOU SUDDENLY SEEMED QUITE PITIFUL.

FREEZE
YOU BASTARD!
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU TO HOLD IT IN.
YOU WOULDN'T STOP DO THAT, JOKING WOULD AROUND! YOU? I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
YOU REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL!
DOING WHATEVER YOU LIKE AS IF IT'S ALL FOR ME!
WITHOUT CONSULTING ME OR EXPLAINING,
UGH! NOW I REMEMBER! YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS!
SHUT UP, YOU IDIOT!
ACTUALLY, YOU USED TO BE MORE OBEDIENT
THE SIDE OF YOU THAT WON'T LISTEN TO A WORD I SAY HASN'T CHANGED
YOU, TOO.
I REALLY HATE THAT SIDE OF YOU!

I'LL CALL YOUR FRIENDS FOR HELP!
HUH?
I UNDERSTAND IF IT'S SO HARD TO HAVE ME DO IT...
—
YOU'D LEAVE ME IN THE HANDS OF THOSE THREE?!
THEM?
Be a good boy, now!
Whoaaa!
Fe-feel real?
WHAT?
HUH?
UGH!
SOUNDS LIKE YOU'D RATHER I DO IT?
AFTER ALL I'VE WIPED YOUR BUTT COUNTLESS TIMES
Hm
NO, DON'T!
NOT EVEN IF I WAS DYING!
Hm
NO WAY...!

I LOVE YOU, TSUZUKI.
I HATE YOU!
YOU BASTARD!
SHIT!
SHIT!

AH...
HUFF
AH!
HUFF
FUCK
HUFF
HUFF
WELL, HOW ABOUT IT?
UGH!
AH!
FUCK
HUMBLE

OF COURSE.
ANIKI,
PLEASE
HUFF

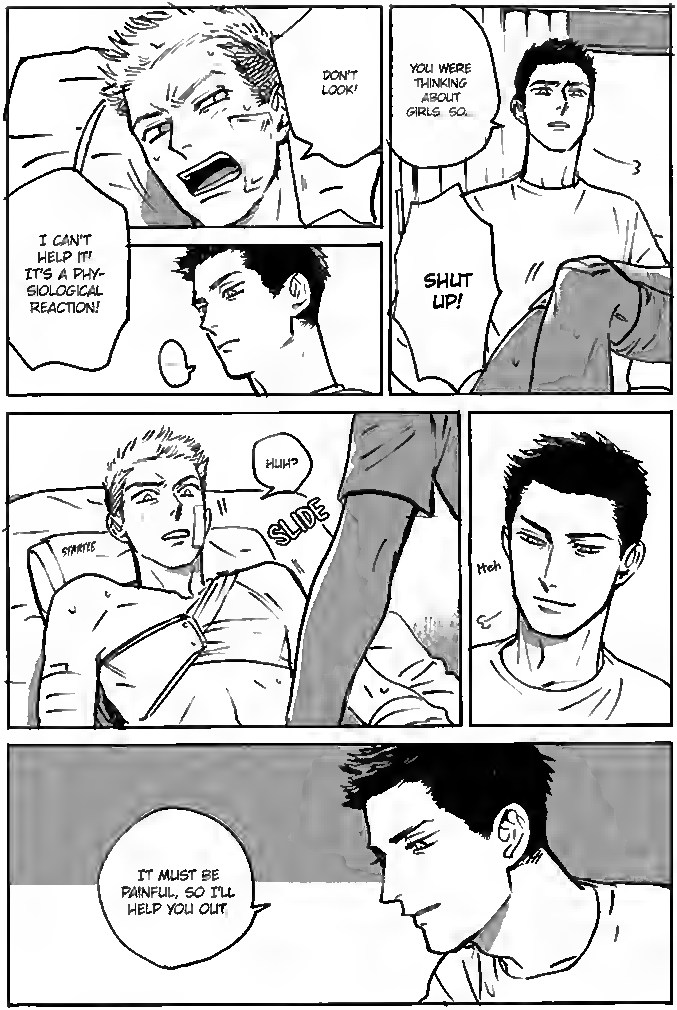
Tsuzuki was born when I was twelve
I often had to take my parents place 'cause they both worked
At twelve years old a brother who I could not get rid of should not have been that cute
When our father died, I thought I was strong enough to protect my mother and my little brother.
They were my precious family who I had to protect.

In the space of ten years, that cute little brother went completely off the rails.
IT MIGHT BE MY FAULT THAT HE'S LIKE THIS
BUT NOW...
GIMME SOME MONEY ANIKI
HE USED TO BE SO CUTE
AN ELDER BROTHER'S APOLOGY
Dramatis Personae
Zukki High School Graduate
Hajime, Ex-con

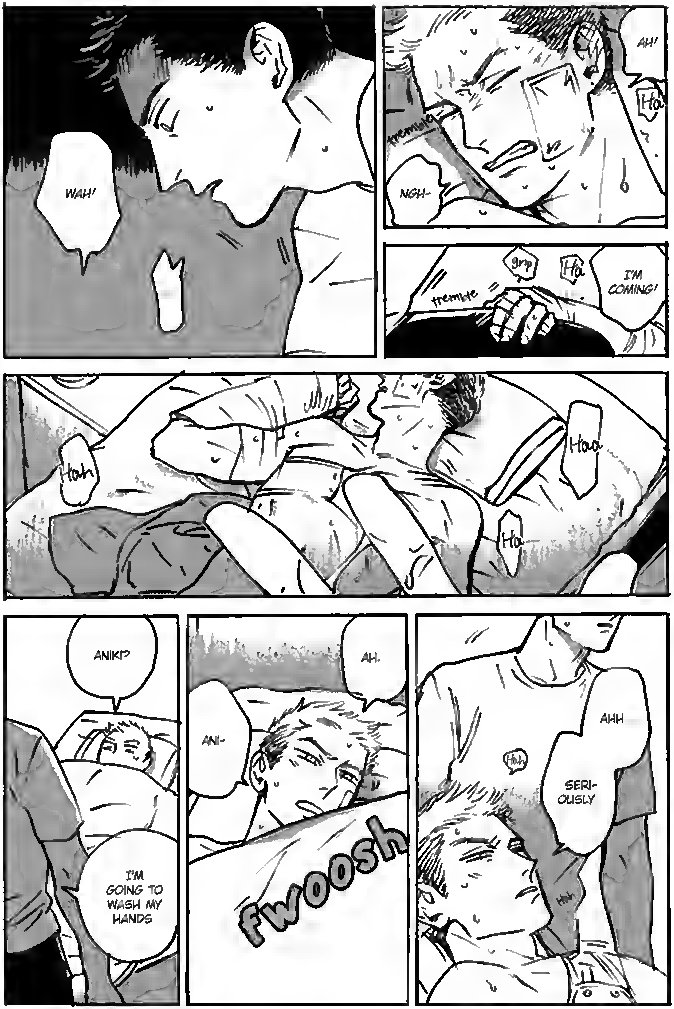
HEH
THAT'S AMAZING
IS IT GOOD?
OH, YEAH.
WHY? DID YOU MAKE IT YOURSELF?
WELL, YEAH
I HATE CELERY
EAT THE VEGETABLES, TOO
Now that I'm used to him, I see he's the same cute brother as before
I have to protect him, because he's the only family I have left.

YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PEE MUCH AT A TIME
Tch
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? IT'S GROSS
HA...
PFFFT
WAAAAH!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU PEED RIGHT IN MY FACE ONE TIME
I didn't want to get close to you for a long time after that
YOU DON'T ENJOY HELPING ME, EITHER
YOU'RE NEVER GONNA MAKE ME BELIEVE THAT
splash
HEH IT FEELS KINDA GOOD WHEN YOU DO IT FOR ME
GOOD I WOULD ONLY DO IT FOR SOMEONE I LOVE
OH? LET ME WIPE YOU DOWN
WELL, IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT, THEN I GUESS I AM TOO
plunk

I DON'T HAVE TO, SINCE I'M RELYING ON YOU!
THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY SINCE YOU CAN'T MOVE
YOU'RE FORCED TO CHANGE SOME OF YOUR HABITS
HEY, INTRODUCE ME TO SOME CUTE GIRLS
SURE, AFTER YOU'VE RECOVERED
J-
JUST HOLD ON A MINUTE!
GUNP
IT'S FINE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO!
HM
SHIVER
STARTLE
AH!
I'M GOING TO WASH YOUR PRIVATES, TSUZUKI.
OH
AGH!
TUG
STOP MOVING. DON'T START GETTING EMBARRASSED THIS LATE IN.

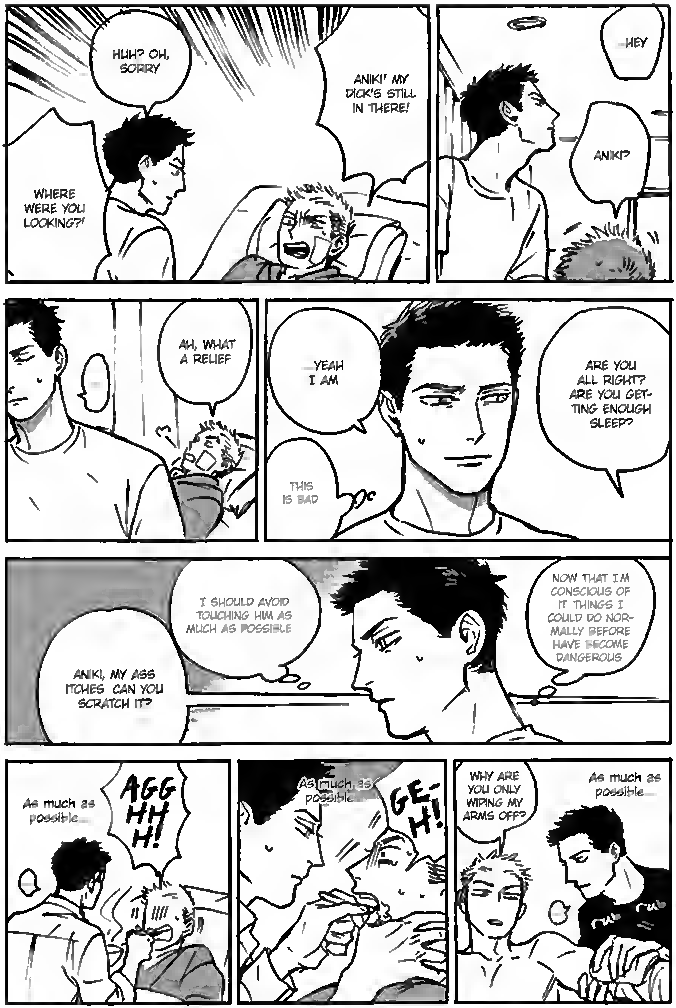

DON'T LOOK!
I CAN'T HELP IT! IT'S A PHYSIOLOGICAL REACTION!
YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT GIRLS, SO...
SHUT UP!
HUH?
SLIDE
STIRRING
Heh

Unh
WAH!
SHIVER
FOR REAL?
HUH?!
I SAID IT'S FINE!
HEY!
CLOSE YOUR EYES. OR DO YOU HAVE A VIDEO HERE?
HA...
LIKE...
SHAKE ME
AH SHIT
ANI KL
tremble
Hah
NGH
CUM
HA


WAH!
AH!
Ha
tremble
NGH-
grip
Ha
tremble
I'M COMING!
Hah
Haa
Ha
ANIKI?
I'M GOING TO WASH MY HANDS
AH.
ANI-
fwoosh
AHH
Hah
SERI-OUSLY
Hah

SWSSH
WHAT HAVE I DONE?
HAA...
TSK
THIS IS BAD..
NO MATTER HOW CUTE HE IS..

ANIKI I GOTTA PISS.
HEY, I SAID I HAVE TO PISS.
OH
SHRUG
HUH?
YOU'RE GOING A LOT TODAY
HUH? REALLY? BUT ISN'T IT THE SAME AS USUAL?
REALLY?
HM...
UHH


HUH? OH, SORRY
ANIKI! MY DICK'S STILL IN THERE!
WHERE WERE YOU LOOKING?!
HEY
ANIKI?
AH, WHAT A RELIEF
YEAH I AM
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP?
THIS IS BAD
I SHOULD AVOID TOUCHING HIM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
NOW THAT I'M CONSCIOUS OF IT THINGS I COULD DO NORMALLY BEFORE HAVE BECOME DANGEROUS
ANIKI, MY ASS ITCHES CAN YOU SCRATCH IT?
As much as possible
AGGHHH!
As much as possible
GE-H!
WHY ARE YOU ONLY WIPING MY ARMS OFF?
As much as possible

REALLY!
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE FINALLY ABLE TO USE YOUR FINGERS
I CAN FEED MYSELF!
sigh
AND THEN YOU'LL HAVE MORE THINGS YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN
YEAH, THAT'S GREAT
SOON, THEY'LL TAKE THE CAST OFF OF YOUR LEFT LEG
OH, YEAH
HEY, HURRY UP AND GO TO SLEEP
UT OU EEM KIND OF
GOOD NIGHT
HEY ANIKI ARE YOU TIRED?
NO, I'M FINE

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
lean
WHOA!
YEAH, AS EXPECTED, MY LEGS HAVE GOTTEN SKINNY.
WELL, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO WALK FOR WEEKS.
BUT SOON I'LL DO LESS AND LESS FOR YOU.
sigh
AND THEN THE THINGS I'LL NEED TO DO FOR YOU WILL BE FEWER.
NOW THAT YOU CAN WALK LEANING ON ME IT'LL BE EASIER TO GET TO THE TOILET.
Flop
BUT I'LL STILL NEED YOUR HELP RIGHT?
FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.
THE SOONER YOU HEAL THE BETTER.

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO JERK OFF
YEAH, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY IS MY RIGHT HAND I CAN MOVE THE FINGERS A LITTLE, BUT...
IS THAT SO?
WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO BE PATIENT FOR A BIT LONGER...
IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME THAT I GOT HARD WHEN YOU WERE WIPING ME OFF YESTERDAY
I'M READY FOR ANOTHER HAND JOB
I WANT TO TAKE A BATH
EH?
ANIKI
HM?

YOU DID, BUT...
YOU DID SUCH A SKETCHY JOB OF IT I STILL FEEL GROSS.
DIDN'T I GIVE YOU A SPONGE BATH YESTERDAY?
BUT I WANT A BATH NOW.
SO LET ME TAKE ONE.
YOU'RE STILL TOO UNSTEADY ON YOUR FEET SO NOT YET
TSUZUKI...
WHAT? WHAT IS IT?
pissed

IF YOU WERE GOING TO GET SICK OF TAKING CARE OF ME, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE STARTED!
WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING CARE OF ME
YOU'VE BEEN GIVING ME THE SHORT END OF THE STICK FOR A WHILE NOW,
WEREN'T YOU THINKING OF GETTING RID OF YOUR TROUBLE-SOME LITTLE BROTHER?
IT FELT THAT WAY WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT DOING STUFF ON MY OWN EARLIER.
I'M SORRY IF I MADE YOU THINK THAT
I'M NOT SICK OF IT.
I NEVER PLANNED TO ABAN-DON YOU!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
HUH?
I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT IF I WAS TOO INTRUSIVE.
IT'S JUST THAT.
TSUZUKI, TAKING CARE OF YOU ISN'T TROUBLE-SOME FOR ME

WHENEVER YOU LEFT MY ROOM, I WONDERED IF I WAS CAUSING YOU TOO MUCH TROUBLE
I ASKED MYSELF WHAT I WOULD DO IF YOU DIDN'T COME BACK
I-
I COULD NEVER ASK ANYONE BUT YOU FOR THIS KIND OF THING ANIKI
I'M SORRY...
DON'T ABANDON ME!
TSUZUKI
IF YOU JUST LEFT ME AS I WAS.
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT NOTHING ELSE LATELY, AND IT REALLY SCARES ME
I'M NOT ABANDONING YOU
I DEFINITELY WON T ABANDON YOU, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.
I'M SORRY

I'M TRULY SORRY
SORRY TO FORCE YOU INTO THIS SITUATION
AND FOR MAKING YOU FEEL UNEASY
OKAY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S OKAY TO CRY IN FRONT OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU
SHUT UP
HOW UNCOOL I'M CRYING
SNIFF
SNIFF
YEAH
ARE YOU OKAY?
SNIFF
WELL...
ASIDE FROM THE SCATOLOGY SHOW AND GIVING ME A HAND JOB,
WHAT ELSE DID YOU THINK I DIDN'T LIKE?
HEY. WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT ME NOT LIKING IT.

THANK YOU
SO I'M REALLY GRATEFUL
THERE'S NO ONE ASIDE FROM YOU WHO WOULD TAKE CARE OF ME LIKE THIS.
BUT YOU KNOW...
YEAH
BUT THANK YOU
THERE'S NO NEED FOR GRATITUDE.
MY BATH
GOOD NIGHT, TSUZUKI
ANIKI

IS THAT RIGHT?
SO IT'S MY FIRST TIME USING IT
OH, IT'S BIG
YOU'VE NEVER USED IT?
THAT DAY I LEFT EARLY
AT ANY RATE, I HAVEN'T USED THE BATHTUB HERE YET
slide
I'VE JUST BEEN HAVING MY BODY WIPED AND MY HAIR WASHED
UH, OKAY
WHAT?! HELP ME GET UNDRESSED!
I'M GONNA RINSE YOU
OKAY
FOUR
Heh.
I'M NOT A KID
WELL, THAT'S TRUE
Lather Lather
IF YOU DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES, IT'LL STING

WANT TO GET INTO THE BATH NOW?
THAT'S DONE.
HUH? NO, WASH MY BODY FIRST.
AH, WHAT A GREAT FEELING!
SWISH
ANIKI
HM?
UH...
HEY.
!
WHAT ABOUT MY LEG?
IT'S NOT IN A CAST.
WELL IT JUST SEEMED LIKE YOUR BACK WAS DIRTY
WHY ARE YOU ONLY WASHING MY BACK?
SERI-OUSLY?!
These are just made!

HAHA! YOU'RE REALLY SCRUBBING HARD.
HEY,
HOW ABOUT YOU DO MY WHOLE BODY LIKE THAT.
I'M STANDING SO YOU CAN DO MY ASS AND STUFF.
MN
TSUZUKI
I WANT TO STAND UP

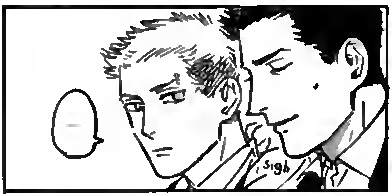
JERK
MN
ANIKI,
MY DICK, TOO.
RUB
HAH.
HEY, CAN'T YOU WASH IT WITH YOUR HAND?
SURE...
TSUZUKI, YOU'RE HARD...
I KNOW
IT'S BECAUSE I HAVEN'T COME FOR A WHILE...
I SUPPOSE NOT...

KEEP DOING IT WITH YOUR HAND
ANIKI,
SORRY...
LET ME RINSE YOU
WAIT
SEI
ZE
MY DICK SERIOUSLY FEELS LIKE IT'S GONNA EXPLODE
Hh.
THIS'LL BE THE LAST TIME SO
YOU JERKED ME OFF BEFORE
I KNOW IT'S GROSS, BUT...
NO...
BUT...
AH!
...ALL RIGHT
Joh!

Hah
Hah
Hah
Hah
NGH!
squelch
NGH!
AH-COM-ING!
jolt
jolt
Hah
Hah
SHIT!
Hah
tremble
tremble
Ah
Ahhh
stagger
TSUIZUKI
Haa
drip
Hah
Haa

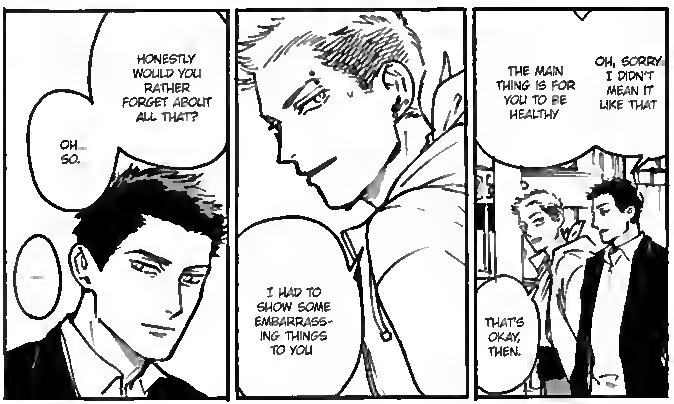
AH SHIT. A LOT CAME OUT
HAH
TH UD
THE PHONE...
HUH?
KNOCK KNOCK
...ANIK?
STRAIGHTEN
OH, ANIK!
HUH? THE PHONE?
I HEARD THE PHONE RING, SO I'M GOING TO GET IT

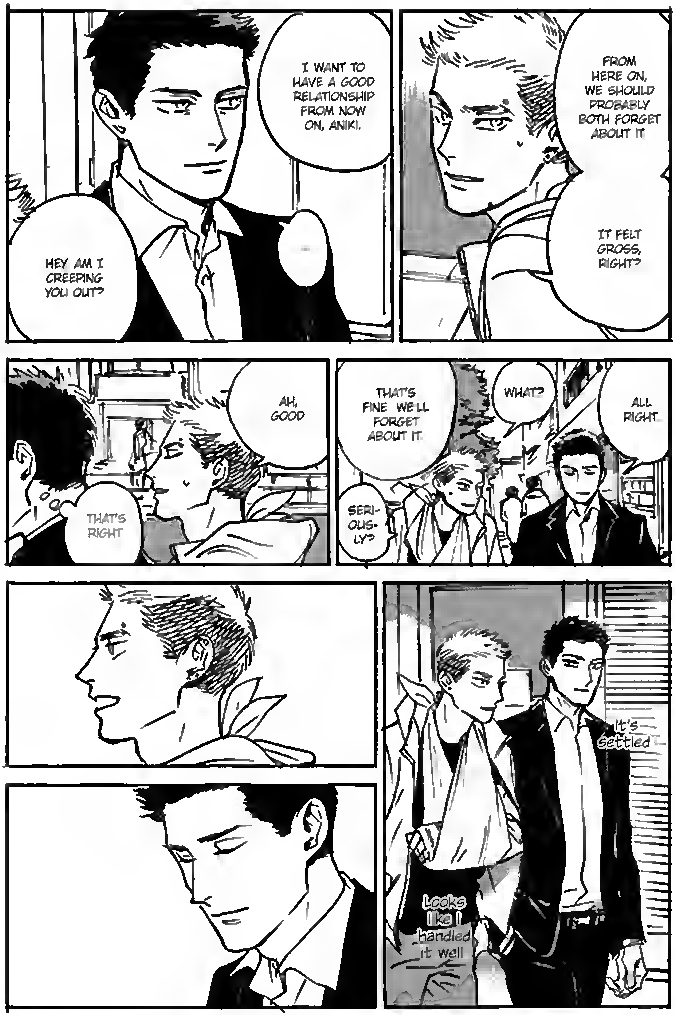
ANIKI!
HEY! CLOSE THE DOOR!
IT'S COLD!
whoosh
THE PHONE, HUH?
Hah
tremble
PH-EW
HOW MANY MORE DAYS?
point
slide


Sigh

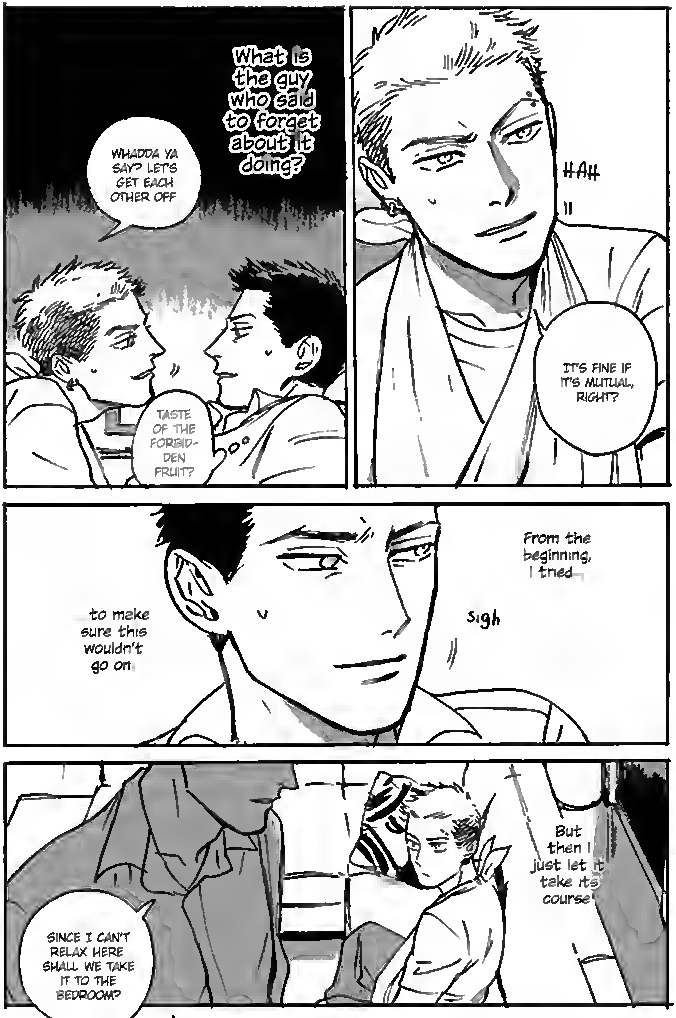
THE LEFT ARM AS WELL IN NOT TOO LONG
YEAH

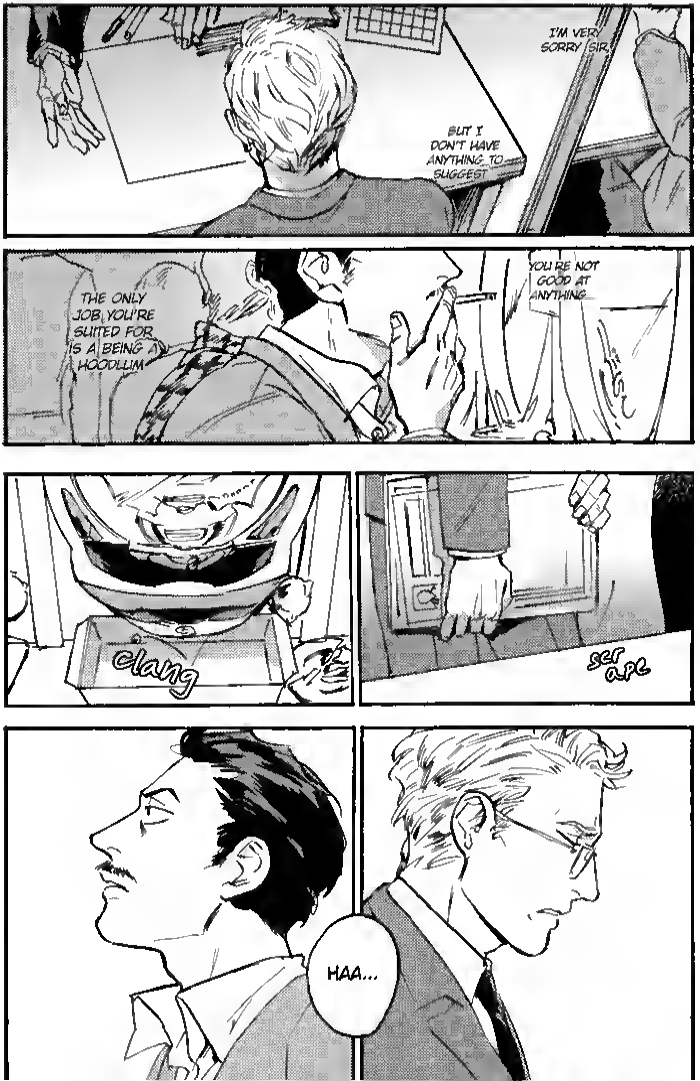
HAVING TO TAKE CARE OF THE LOWER HALF OF A LITTLE BROTHER WHO'S GROWN UP
WHAT?
IN THE END, WAS IT BAD OVERALL?


OH, SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT
THE MAIN THING IS FOR YOU TO BE HEALTHY
THAT'S OKAY, THEN.
I HAD TO SHOW SOME EMBARRASSING THINGS TO YOU
HONESTLY WOULD YOU RATHER FORGET ABOUT ALL THAT?
OH... SO.


I WANT TO HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP FROM NOW ON, ANIKI.
HEY AM I CREEPING YOU OUT?
FROM HERE ON, WE SHOULD PROBABLY BOTH FORGET ABOUT IT
IT FELT GROSS, RIGHT?
AH, GOOD
THAT'S RIGHT
THAT'S FINE WE'LL FORGET ABOUT IT
SERI-OUS-LY?
WHAT?
ALL RIGHT
It's settled
Looks like I handled it well

And as time passes, I'll come to my senses.
I'll forget all about it, just as Tsuzuki said to.
Well,
that's what he said, but...


What is the guy who said to forget about it doing?
WHADDA YA SAY? LET'S GET EACH OTHER OFF
TASTE OF THE FORBID-DEN FRUIT?
#A#
IT'S FINE IF IT'S MUTUAL, RIGHT?
From the beginning, I tried
to make sure this wouldn't go on
sigh
But then I just let it take its course
SINCE I CAN'T RELAX HERE SHALL WE TAKE IT TO THE BEDROOM?
end


I'M VERY SORRY SIR.
BUT I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SUGGEST
YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT ANYTHING
THE ONLY JOB YOU'RE SUITED FOR IS A BEING A HOODLUM
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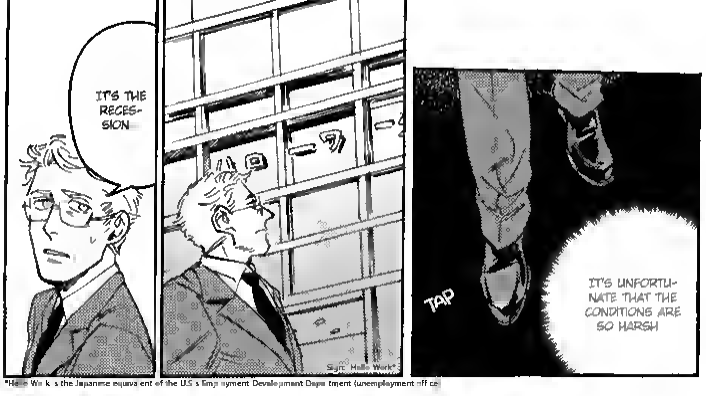
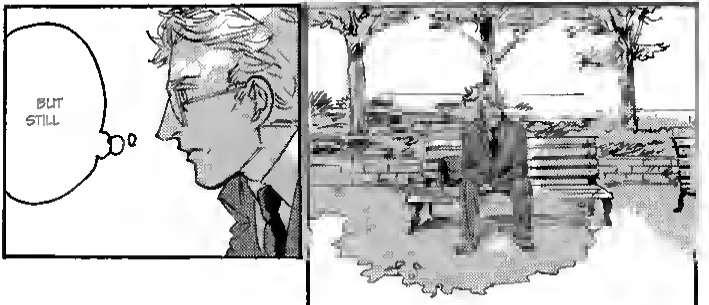
ser a pe
HAA...

THE SWERVE



*Hello Work is the Japanese equivalent of the U.S.'s Employment Development Department (unemployment office)

Yes, of course!
Thank you!
Yes! Thank you very much! I'll make the arrangements right away!
THESE DAYS,
FINDING A JOB IS HARD,
ISN'T IT...?
HEH!
THERE SURE ARE A LOT OF YOUNG TALENTED PEOPLE



THAT MAN
PERHAPS THAT ONE AS WELL
I SEEM TO HAVE QUITE A FEW FELLOW TRAVELERS HERE
I FIT RIGHT IN
GEEZ THIS IS GETTING BAD
LOOKS LIKE IT'S HARD TIMES EVERY-WHERE
AH, FUCK IT!
GEEZ, IT'S GETTING TERIBLE
REALLY

I'VE ALREADY BEEN REJECTED BY 20 COMPANIES.
I'M GOING TO START WORRYING SOON
HUH? YOU'VE BEEN WORKING HARD
ME NEITHER.
YEAH,
FOR SURE
LATELY I CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT
PUFF
IF I COULDN'T HAVE A DRINK
IT'S NOT EVEN NOON
FWAH
I COULDN'T GET THROUGH IT
PSSH
SURPRISE
I ATE THEM ALL THE TIME WHEN I WAS A CHILD.
I'M SURPRISED THEY'RE STILL MADE!
YEP!
OH, I MISS THOSE PASTRIES!
Custard Cream
Chocolate
700 calories
YE-AH?
AH
Label Sweet Bun.

POKE
TAP
ALL RIGHT?
IS BEER!
AND OF COURSE, THE BEST THING TO GO WITH SWEET BUNS..
UH
THANK YOU
OH, FOR ME?
MM.
THUMP
DELICIOUS
YEAH IT TAKES ME BACK

FRESH BAKED
OH
IN THOSE DAYS, YOU COULD BECOME WHATEVER YOU WISHED.
THAT REMINDS ME... I WANTED TO BE A BAKER WHEN I WAS A CHILD.
FRESH-BAKED...?
HOW NICE!

MAYBE I'VE HIT A HOME-RUN?
HE DID GIVE ME HALF OF HIS
OH, DOES HE WANT SOME OF THAT BREAD PERHAPS?
THAT'S NICE...
PUFF
I'LL BORROW...
N-NO WAY
PUFF
...A VE-HICLE
?!
TASTY BREAD
HE'S GOING TO BE-COME A BAKER ?!
I'LL...
THIS MAN...!
NEED SOME TOOLS TOO.
THEN...

ERR, UM...!
HUH?
BUT...
YEAH,
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! PLEASE LET ME JOIN!
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU ?
HEY, HEY HEY!
I BEG YOU!
YOU WERE MUTTERING ABOUT A VEHICLE
Huh?! I said that out loud?!

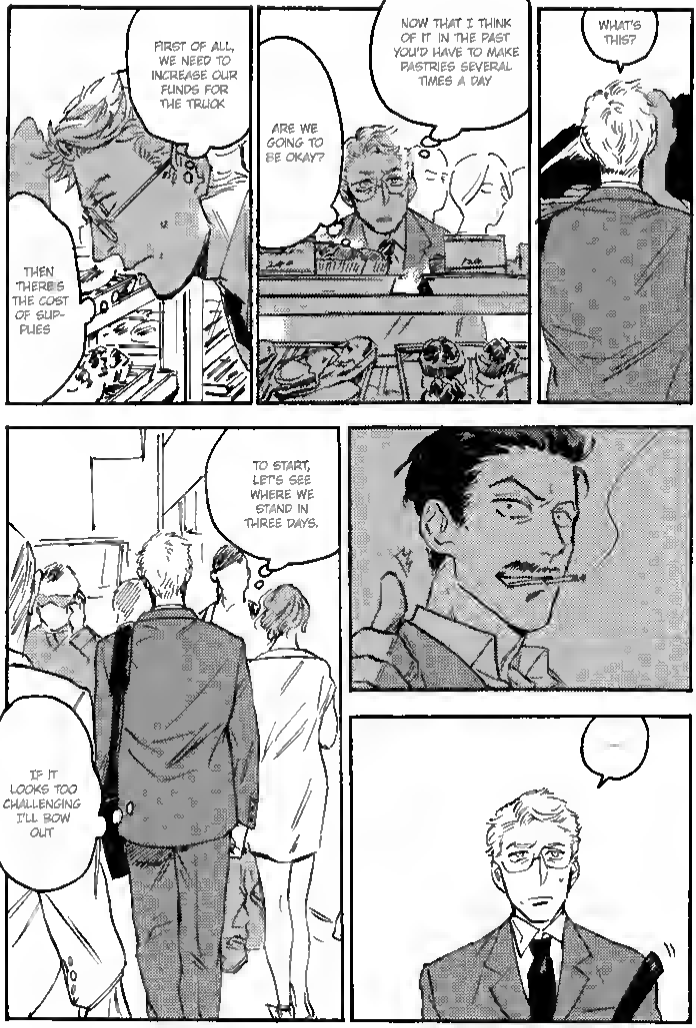
IT'S BEEN MY LIFELONG DREAM!
FOR ME, TOO...
O-OKAY
COME ON, RAISE YOUR HEAD
...
MY-
MY NAME IS YUKICHI
YOU.
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
staaare

**"Shatei" means younger brother, but it also implies an understanding in the yakuza just as "aniki" (older brother) and is even a superlative in the yakuza

OBVIOUSLY, TWO IS BETTER THAN ONE IN THIS CASE
I'M PRETTY NERVOUS
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
THAT'S TRUE ME TOO—
NO
HA!
IT WAS JUST A VAGUE DREAM OF MINE I NEVER THOUGHT WOULD COME TRUE
YOU'RE AMAZING INAZOU-SAN
YA KNOW WHAT?
O-OKAY!
I'M GONNA SET EVERYTHING UP!
WELL, LEAVE IT TO ME!
PAT

YOU AND I ARE GONNA MAKE A GREAT TEAM.
WHATEVER WE DO.
PSSHT
PSSHT
HERE
toss
I AGREE!
HERE'S TO.
CHANCE ENCOUNTERS!

IN THREE DAYS.
ALL RIGHT! WE'LL MEET HERE IN THREE DAYS AT THE SAME TIME!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE THIS CHANCE!
OH, THIS IS WONDERFUL!
IT'S LIKE A DREAM!
I'VE NEVER HAD A FOOD TRUCK, BUT I'VE SEEN THEM FEATURED ON TV
BEFORE LONG I'LL HAVE ONE OF MY OWN!


FIRST OF ALL, WE NEED TO INCREASE OUR FUNDS FOR THE TRUCK
THEN THERE'S THE COST OF SUP-PLIES
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT IN THE PAST YOU'D HAVE TO MAKE PASTRIES SEVERAL TIMES A DAY
ARE WE GOING TO BE OKAY?
WHAT'S THIS?
TO START, LET'S SEE WHERE WE STAND IN THREE DAYS.
IF IT LOOKS TOO CHALLENGING I'LL BOW OUT

OI, YUKICHI!
ERR... WHAT ABOUT THE TRUCK ?
clang clang
HUH?
OH?
ANYWAY, GET IN
GOOD MORNING INAZOU-SAN
YO! YOU MADE ME WAIT.
HERE.

WHY?
SO WE CAN GRAB THE MONEY AND RUN
THEY'RE TOYS.
G-GUNS?!
HUUUH?!
BUT WHY GUNS?!
BANK
BANK
HUH...?
BAKED FRESH

I-
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
WE'RE GOING
WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING
ALL RIGHT
click
click
click
AS YOU KNOW!
THIS IS ALL WRONG!
HUH?
W-WAIT! PLEASE WAIT!
WHY? DID YOU SUDDENLY GET FREAKED OUT?!
NO! THIS ISN'T WHAT I--
W-WHAT FOR?!
BELIEVE ME WE'RE GONNA GET THROUGH THIS FINE.
BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU CAN'T DO, I'LL SHOW YA HOW IT'S DONE!

YOU WANT ME TO COMMIT A CRIME?!
THERE'S NOTHING WONDERFUL ABOUT THAT!
NO WAY!
?!
HUH?!
YOU TOO! WE'LL BE EATING LIKE KINGS!
THEN, I'LL BE ACCEPTED BACK INTO THE ORGANIZATION!
MY NAME WILL BE CLEARED! WONDERFUL! WONDERFUL!
!
ENOUGH, I'M GOING IN FIRST
HEY!
HOW UN-DISCI-PLINED!
YOU'VE JUST GOT COLD FEET!
shake
shake
I'M GONNA SHOW YOU HOW TO BE A MAN
WATCH AND LEARN
INAZOU-SAN!

WH-
AHH!
DASH
THIS IS BAD! THIS IS SO BAD!
SHOULD I RUN AWAY?
CONVICT
ACCOMPLICE
CRIMINAL
PRISON
AAGGH WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I COULDN'T STOP HIM!
COME BACK
COOL
click
Run away?

WHATEVER WE DO,
YOU AND I ARE GONNA MAKE A GREAT TEAM.
STEP
FW
STAY CALM!
ALL A YA!
BH?

DON'T PANIC!
LISTEN UP IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET KILLED .!
WHIP
U-UH, MISTER.
WH-AT IS IT?!
UH...
THE TIP IS..

BURST
OH!
SLAM
THAT STUPID CLERK!
TRYING TO PUT ONE OVER ON ME!
I- INAZOU-SAN!
open
Wah!
Gah!
FIRST, DON'T YOU WANT TO DRIVE?
Wah!
VROOM
Agh, damn! What a blunder!
IN THE BANK ?!
God-dam-mit!

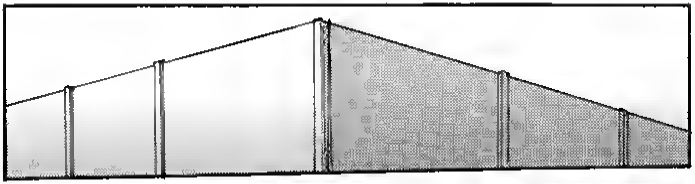
SCREECH!
I-INAZOU-SAN?
YUKICHI, YOU'D BETTER GET OUTTA HERE
HUH?
YOU WEREN'T CAUGHT ON CAMERA.
YOU'RE FINE, YOU WON'T GET CAUGHT
BUT-
LISTEN! JUST GET OUT!
THE COPS ARE ON THEIR WAY!
UM...
I'M SORRY...

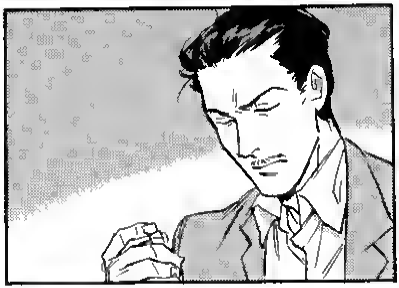
I KIND OF...
...DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS.
THEN BUNGLED IT
NOT AT ALL.
BUT...
THANKS FOR BEING MY PARTNER
IT MADE ME REALLY HAPPY THAT YOU ASKED

VROOOM
SEE YA
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

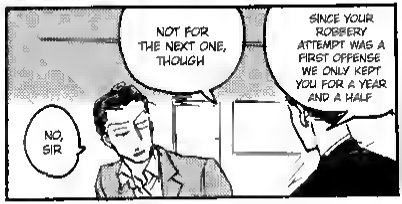
I COULDN'T SLEEP AT ALL.
click
GRUNT
Header: Daily News.
Good morning, it's time for the morning news
rustle
Good morning, today's weather will be...
While we're on the subject, in a story from yesterday,
It seems the barrel of the gun had gotten bent. It was a quick-thinking bank clerk who pointed it out!
However, the robber carried only a toy gun
a robbery occurred at a downtown bank

That's the story of the block-headed robber.
TWO LINES
ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY
The robbery attem
the arrest of the
Information surf
was later found
having a direct
with yakuza
AH
hustle
For goodness' sake, everyone should quietly accept what they have and stop being a nuisance to society!
People driven to crime by desper-ation in this reces-sion
However, this has been hap-pening a lot recently
REALLY
Did the criminal really think he was going to succeed?





HAHAHA! THAT'S GOOD, YOU'RE OUT ALREADY.

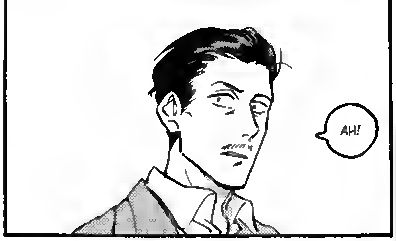

NO, SIR
NOT FOR THE NEXT ONE, THOUGH
SINCE YOUR ROBBERY ATTEMPT WAS A FIRST OFFENSE WE ONLY KEPT YOU FOR A YEAR AND A HALF

MY ANIKIS ALWAYS USED TO TELL ME THAT
I REALLY CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT...

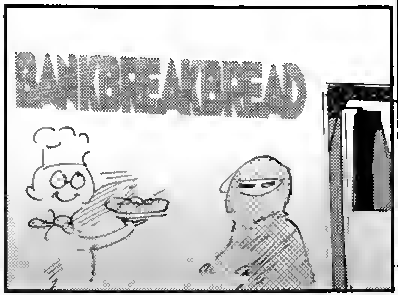
NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT

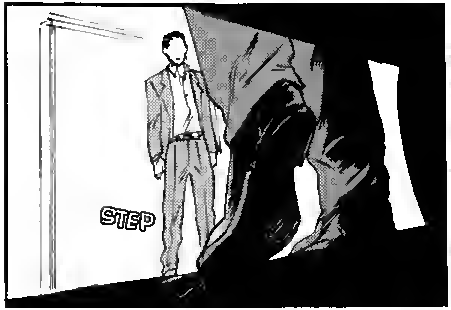
I ONLY CAUSE PEOPLE TROUBLE
UGH, WHY IS THAT I WONDER ?
THIS IS DEPRESSING
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE A SINGLE THING
IF I HAD THEN COMING OUT OF PRISON, IT WOULD BE MORE LIKE...
GOOD WORK?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS!

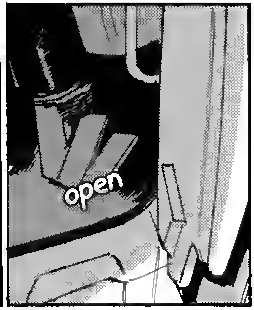
HAH...
Beep
Beeeep
I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANY-
BLOOOW
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?
HUH?


AH!

creak


BANK BREAK BREAD


STEP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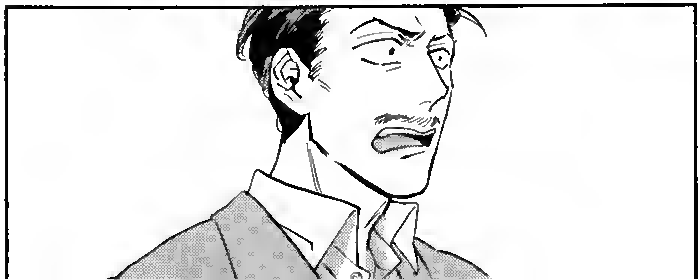


YUKICHI!
WELCOME BACK!
YOU NEED TWO PEOPLE FOR A JOB LIKE THIS
THIS TIME...
WE'RE GONNA MAKE A KILLING.

THE SWERVE END

HAIRY CATERPILLAR

My name is Dai.
Right now, I think I'm the happiest guy in this city
The reason is that I get to be with Shou!
He's become my sunny male lover
It was love at first sight, and I knew from the beginning there would be a long road ahead of us. Even though our schools, interests and circumstances did not match, we were both males
Nonetheless, we overcame those obstacles,
eventually coming together

THUD
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, YOU WANT TO BREAK UP WITH ME?!
This must be true love
HEY, CALM DOWN...
YOU SAID WE WOULD GET MARRIED!
I'M ALREADY 31!
YOU'RE TAKING THIS WAY TOO SERIOUSLY! EVERY TIME YOU BUY ZE-KOSHI* DON'T GO MENTIONING IT TO EVERY-ONE!
WHAT?! DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER WOMAN? YOUKO? OR MEGUMI?!
WHAT?! DID YOU CHECK MY PHONE?!
A Japanese bridal Magazine
I'M NOT GOING TO CHEAT ON YOU...
ME NEI-THER.
NO, PLEASE WAIT!
THAT'S IT! I'M DONE WITH YOU!

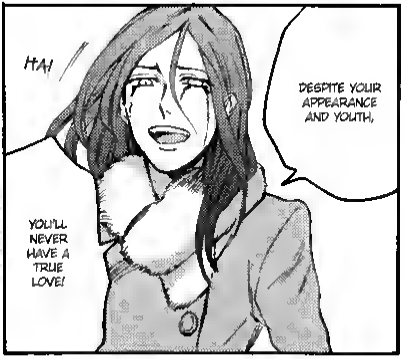
DON'T JUST
...ACT ALL FLIRTY...
It's smooth sailing
STEP
SAME HERE
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME
We're not insecure
GYAAAH!
RC
A_CKLE
...IN FRONT OF OTHER PEOPLE!
D-DAI!
WHY DID YOU SUD-DENLY ATTACK ME?!
DAI, ARE YOU OKAY?!
HUH ?
flop
WHAT ?
fizzle

BECAUSE AN OLDER WOMAN WAS BEING REJECTED BY A MAN.
HUH?!
BECAUSE YOU WERE LAUGHING AT ME JUST NOW.

I'M GOING TO PUNISH YOU FOR LAUGHING AT ME!
I PUT A SPELL ON YOU
A SPELL SO YOU WILL NEVER KNOW TRUE LOVE!
FLINCH

IN YOUR MIND YOU WERE LAUGHING BECAUSE WOMEN WHO READ ZEKUSHII ARE FRIGHTENING!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! I WAS NOT LAUGHING!
UH, THAT'S NOT WHAT...
HEY!

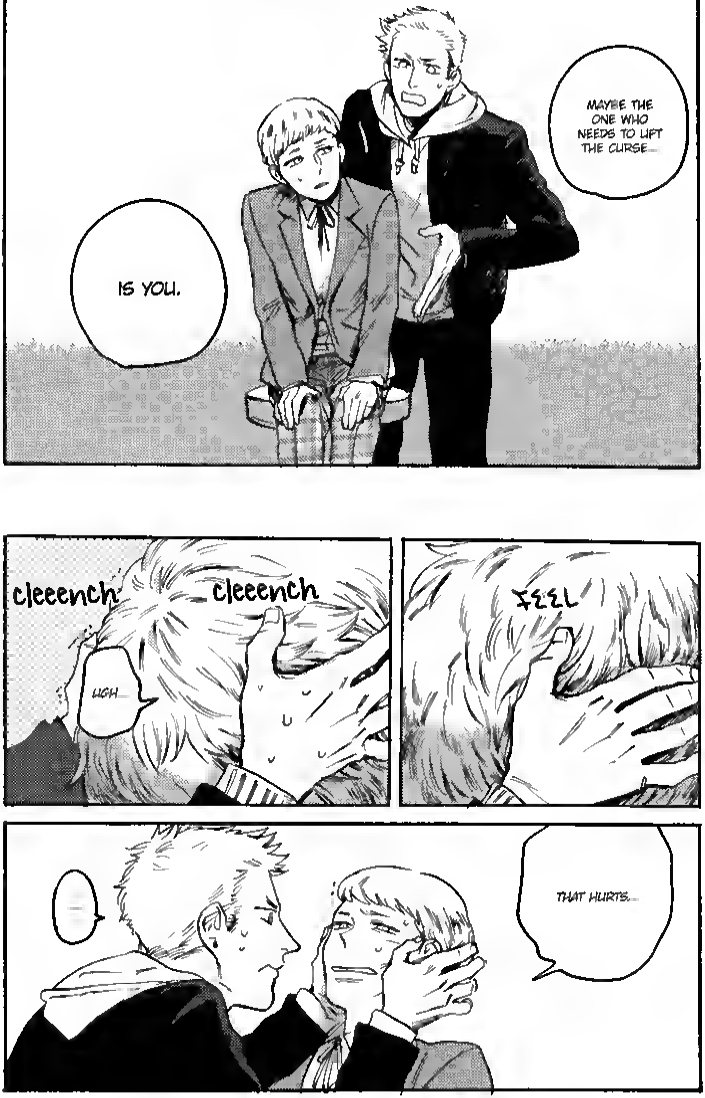
AH!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
SO! AS A MAN, YOU'VE LOST YOUR WORTH!
I'LL ONLY RELY ON MYSELF AND MONEY!
I'VE DECIDED I'M GOING TO LIVE FOR MY WORK!


HA!
DESPITE YOUR APPEARANCE AND YOUTH,
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A TRUE LOVE!

I THINK THAT WOMAN IS PROBABLY A WITCH
REALLY? SHE'S A WITCH? SHE'S THE FIRST ONE I'VE SEEN...
SHE DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING TO YOU, DID SHE?
NO, I'M FI-
WHAT THE HELL? SHE'S SCARY...
Afffffff
haha-
haha-
haha-
hahal
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, DAD?
UH, YEAH

REALLY...?
SO IF YOU'RE OKAY...
SHOU.
...?
SHOU?!

PATTER PATTER PATTER
NEXT, PLEASE
DOWNTOWN HOSPITAL
QUIET PLEASE
HE'S BEEN TURNED INTO A HAIRY CATER-PILLAR!
DOCTOR, IT'S SHOU!
SLAM
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN IT'LL BE DIFFI-CULT FOR OUR HOSPITAL TO CURE HIM...
HUH? A WITCH?
ONLY A WITCH WOULD KNOW HOW TO FIX SOMETHING THAT.
WHAT?!
BUT
NO!
HE WAS STUNG BY A HAIRY CATER-PILLAR?
A WITCH TURNED HIM INTO A HAIRY CATER-PILLAR!


MAYBE THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO LIFT THE CURSE...
IS YOU.
cleeench
cleeench
UGH...
THAT HURTS...

HAH...
I REALLY LOOK LIKE A HAIRY CATERPILLAR, HUH?
S-SO, YOU REALLY MADE THE WITCH DISLIKE YOU, HUH...?
I CAN'T TELL WHERE YOUR FACE IS AT!
OH, SORRY!
OH I SEE.
I REALLY WANT TO SEE WHAT I LOOK LIKE.
Heh heh.
DAI?
That cute voice I heard just now, and that calm feeling?
A curse like this will soon be lifted?
It seems the witch thought that I was only attracted to Shou's looks, so she cast that curse.
But that isn't the case, is it.

From the bottom of my heart...
DAMN! THAT WITCH DIDN'T JUST CHANGE YOUR APPEARANCE, BUT EVEN YOUR SMELL!
ER, UM...
shove
Uwaaah! What's that smell?!
HM?
SNIFF
Huh?
I ALWAYS PUT ON DEODORANT,
BUT WE'VE BEEN RUNNING AROUND FOR A WHILE NOW, AND...
YEAH, YOU'VE ALWAYS SMELLED REALLY GOOD...
SORRY I HAVE SUCH STRONG BODY ODOR.

S-SORRY! I JUST REMEMBERED AN ERRAND I HAVE TO DO SO I'M LEAVING!
DASH
AHH!
UH, WAIT-!
DON'T LEAVE! I LIKE YOUR UNDERARM SMELL!
FREEZE
THAT'S
IT'S NOT MY UNDER-ARMS.
AAGH!
DASH
BUT...
ARGH! WHAT AM I DOING?!

NO NO NO NO NO!
STILL, IT REALLY WAS A SOUR SMELL...
SPACE?
DAMMIT ISN'T THIS THAT WITCH'S INTENTION?
IN HIS TRUE FORM...
YES, YES, YES!
THAT'S IT! REMEMBER! REMEMBER SHOU S CUTENESS!
HIS LOV-ABLE-NESS!
I'M GONNA GO FIND THAT WITCH AND TURN HER OVER TO THE POLICE.

IN THE END I SEARCHED FOR HER WELL INTO THE NIGHT BUT DIDN'T FIND HER
AND BECAUSE OF THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO CALL SHOU
HA...
SHOU! GOOD MORNING!
OH, GOOD MORNING
OH!
NO... I'M SORRY TOO
GOING HOME SUDDENLY LIKE THAT
I WAS AT MY WIT'S END AND SAID SOME STUPID THINGS.
SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY...

NOW NOW
AHH...
DAI?
I WAS HARD ON YOU, I'M SORRY...
ANGEL?!
IT'S FINE! AS EXPECTED, YOU'RE MY ANGEL SHOU!
NOW I CAN SEE YOU CLEARLY UNDER THAT HAIR! YOU'RE SMILING AT ME!
THAT'S WHAT TRUE LOVE IS!
IT'S ALL RIGHT! WITH MY HEART I CAN SEE THE REAL SHOU UNDER ALL THAT HAIR!
THE SAME KIND, CUTE SHOU AS ALWAYS!
YOUR HEART
NO, NOT YET, BUT...
HAVE I CHANGED BACK?!
ﾌﾙﾌﾙ
ﾌﾙﾌﾙ
ﾌﾙﾌﾙ

DAI... OBVIOUSLY, WE HAVE TO SPLIT UP
HUH?
Huh?!
What?
I'M SORRY
WHY?!
BUT WHY?!
SORRY
EVEN THOUGH YOU LOOK LIKE A HAIRY CATERPILLAR, I'M COMPLETELY FINE WITH IT!
AND SOON, WE'LL REMOVE THE CURSE!

ARE WE JUST GOING TO GIVE IN TO THAT WITCH?!
OF COURSE NOT,
BUT AS YOU'D EXPECT,
IT'S HARD ENOUGH AS IT IS...
SORRY

I'm no good.
I'm...
No good
HEY, DAI PASS THE WORK-SHEETS ALONG
He dumped me!
WHAT'S WRONG?
Sunk?
HEY, YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE THIS MORNING
I'm...
YOU'LL FIND SOMEONE ELSE SOON
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING IN COMMON WITH HIM, DO YOU?
DOESN'T HE GO TO THAT BONBON HIGH SCHOOL*?
THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME. HE'S DIFFERENT FROM IDIOTS LIKE YOU
I'M NOT JUST INTO HIM! WE'RE GOING OUT!
OH, THAT LITTLE SHORTY YOU'VE BEEN INTO LATELY?
bang

*Name of a high school from a shounen manga: Bonbon Hill High School & Jama Club.

TO BE DUMPED BY SOMEONE LIKE HIM. ISN'T IT MORE HE DIDN'T LIKE YOU FROM THE BEGINNING?
ISN'T HE TOO DIFFERENT?
HUH?! DON'T FUCK AROUND!
WE DO STUFF LIKE GO TO THE LIBRARY TOGETHER
HE'S PURE AND GENTLE.
NO SHIT
THAT'S NOT TRUE WE'RE NOT A MATCHED SET
HOODLUMS WITH HOODLUMS
PEOPLE SAY YOU HANG OUT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE LIKE YOU
ALTHOUGH WE DON'T MATCH ON THE OUTSIDE, WE'RE REALLY SIMILAR IN THE INSIDE.
OTAKUS WITH OTAKUS AND IDIOTS WITH IDIOTS.
WELL,
LIKE BASE-BALL...? OR MANGA..?
BIKES, OR V..RIETY OF THINGS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT DO YOU TWO USUALLY TALK ABOUT?

SCRAPE
I'M JUST SURPRISED YOU LIKE THAT LITTLE GUY SO MUCH
I-
I HAVE SOMEPLACE I HAVE TO BE!
HEY, DAI! WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS!
SORRY, SENSEI!
Later
IT MUST BE NICE TO BE YOUNG—
YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING TOO MANY DRAMAS, YOU IDIOT!

Shou...!
Shou...!
Ieee
WAH!
I...
Hello, Police...?
Shou!

D-
DAI?!
slide
STARTLE
SHOU!
SC
OOP
W-WAIT A MINUTE !
DAI!
DAI!
DASH
EEH!
It's it's a kidnapp-ing !

DA!
THIS ISN'T THE WAY TO GO ABOUT IT
I-I KNOW
STEP
BUT
I DIDN'T THINK I'D GET THE CHANCE TO TALK WITH YOU
I'VE BEEN ONE-SIDEDLY DOING WHATEVER I PLEASED
SAYING IT WAS TRUE LOVE WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT YOU WANTED.
THAT'S.
STILL
SORRY!
REALLY!
I REALLY DO LOVE YOU! IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT LOOKS OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

IT'S NOT LIKE THAT I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, DAI
I'LL NEVER HATE YOU
BUT...
I'LL FIX ALL MY BAD TRAITS SO YOU WON'T START TO HATE ME!
AND TRY TO BREAK THE CURSE!
SO!
I DON'T WANT TO BE HATED EITHER
IF YOU THINK I'M PRETTY EVEN WHEN I LOOK LIKE A HAIRY CATERPILLAR,
IT'S FINE TO STAY THIS WAY.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?
BUT!
WE DON'T HAVE TO REMOVE THE CURSE

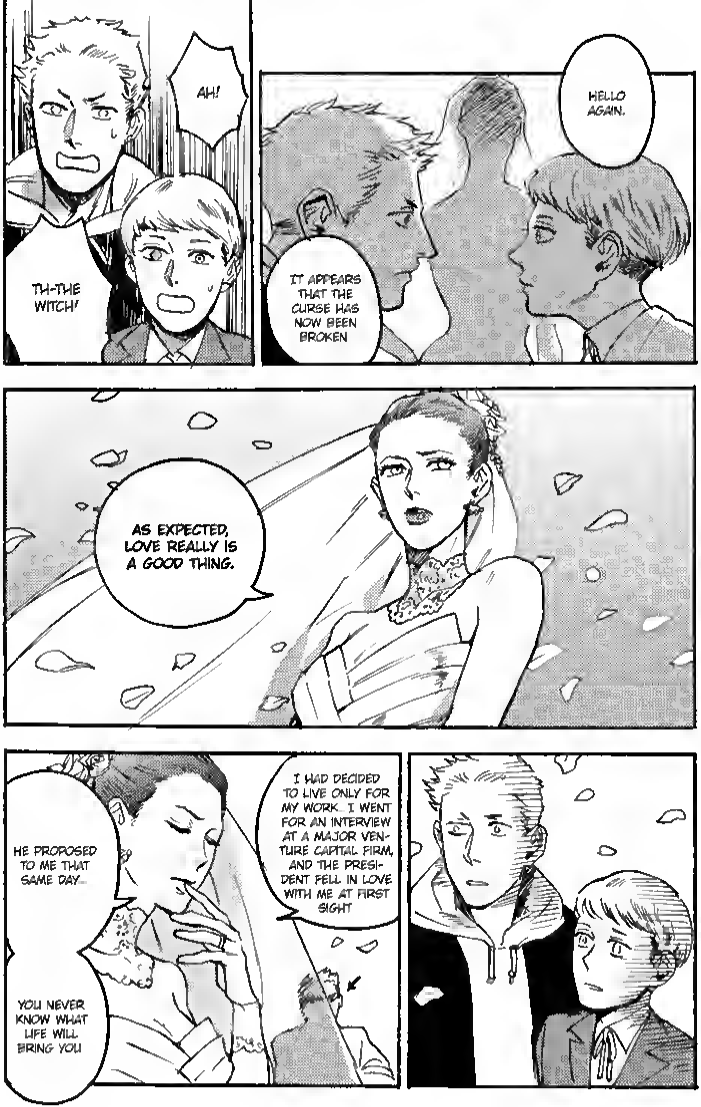
I-I THOUGHT YOU ONLY LOOKED HAIRY TO ME...
NO!
I am really hairy!
Huuh?!
N-NO, IS THAT SO?
DID YOU REALIZE...?
I HAVE BAD BODY ODOR...
THADUMP
REALLY... I'M ONLY 17 BUT I SHAVE IN THE MORNING AND BY EVENING I HAVE A BEARD LIKE A HOBO. .!
R-REALLY?
BECAUSE IF I STAY A HAIRY CATERPILLAR,
IN YOUR MIND, I'LL STILL BE PRETTY.
I'VE ALWAYS TRIED DESPERATELY TO HIDE IT...
I SHAVE MORNING AND NIGHT,
I PUT ON DEODORANT ONCE AN HOUR,
BUT I THINK I'VE REACHED MY LIMIT.
SORRY... I DON'T WANT YOU TO HATE ME.

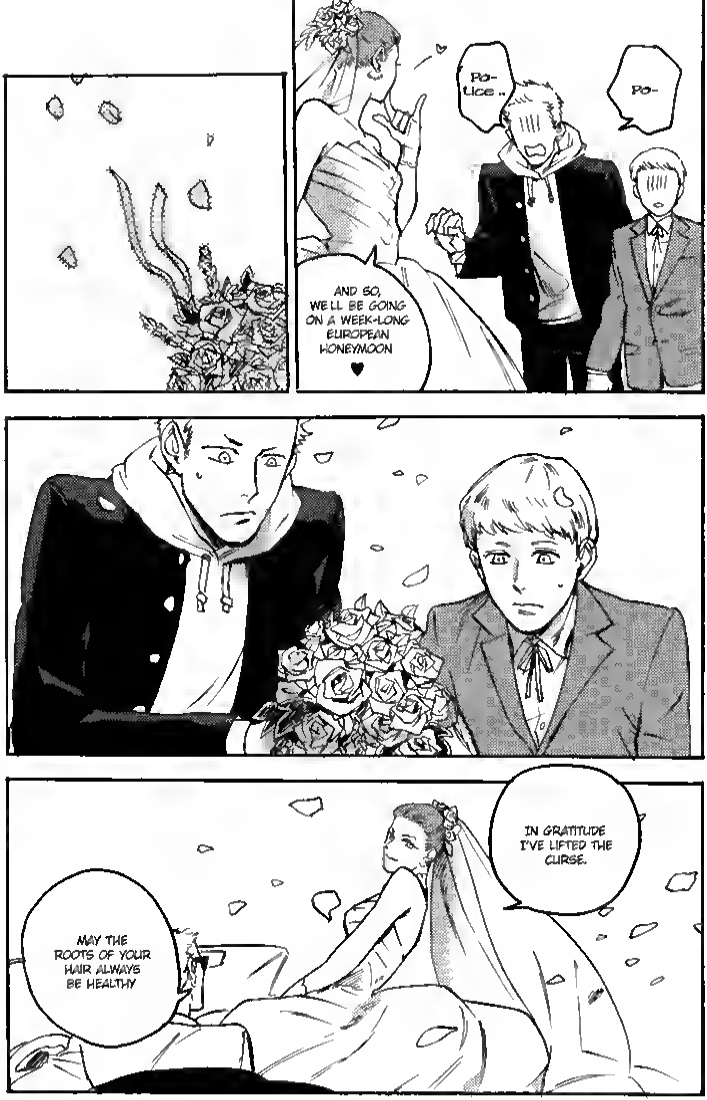
I SAID I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU AT FIRST SIGHT
BUT IT WASN'T FOR YOUR AP-PEARANCE, SMELL, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT
GRAB
SHOU.
I KNOW IT'S SELF-ISH
SORRY
IF YOU REMOVE THE CURSE YOU'LL COME TO HATE ALL MY BAD POINTS.
NO
I LOVE YOU, SHOU
I SMELL BAD
GRIP
WHEN EVE-NING COMES AROUND MY HAIR IS ALL GREASY
PAT
I HAVE A LOT OF BODY ODOR.
PAT

MY FATHER HAS MALE-PATTERN BALDNESS, AND I'M SURE I WILL TOO.
I'M FINE WITH THAT
MY DAD HAS A COMB OVER*
*In Japanese, apparently this is called "Star Circle Baldness"!
I GET WHISKERS TOO.
I LOVE YOU.
I HAVE LOTS OF CHEST HAIR, AND I'LL BE BALD SOME DAY
MY-
...BODY ODOR IS JUST AS BAD AS YOURS.

BECAUSE OF THAT DAY
AH, SHIT! THE TEST IS TODAY
BUT I'M LOST!
SHIT, WHERE AM I?
HUH?
ARE YOU HERE FOR THE OOTAKA HIGH SCHOOL EXAM?
IF YOU ARE THEN JUST TURN RIGHT AT THE NEXT SIGNAL AND IT'LL BE RIGHT THERE
GOOD LUCK!

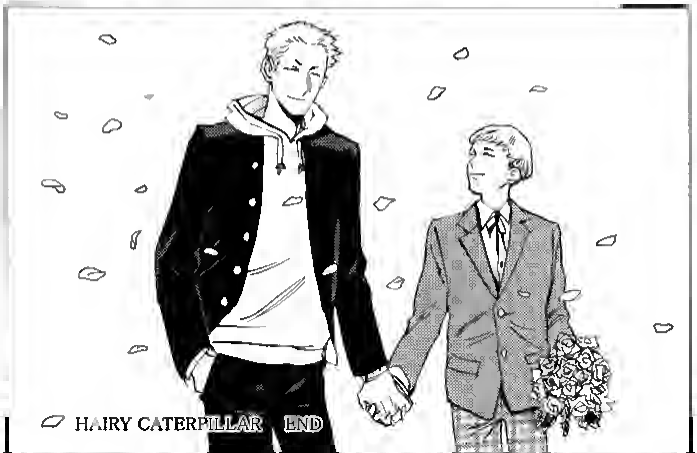
...EVER SINCE THAT DAY
I'VE LOVED YOU...
SHOU.
DAI.
TAP
SHOU...
I

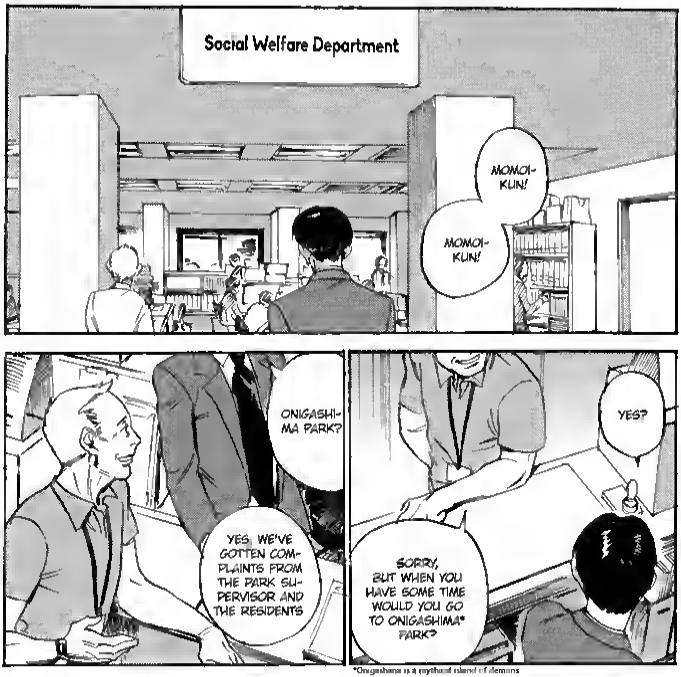

AH!
TH-THE WITCH!
HELLO AGAIN.
IT APPEARS THAT THE CURSE HAS NOW BEEN BROKEN
AS EXPECTED, LOVE REALLY IS A GOOD THING.
I HAD DECIDED TO LIVE ONLY FOR MY WORK. I WENT FOR AN INTERVIEW AT A MAJOR VENTURE CAPITAL FIRM, AND THE PRESIDENT FELL IN LOVE WITH ME AT FIRST SIGHT
HE PROPOSED TO ME THAT SAME DAY...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT LIFE WILL BRING YOU

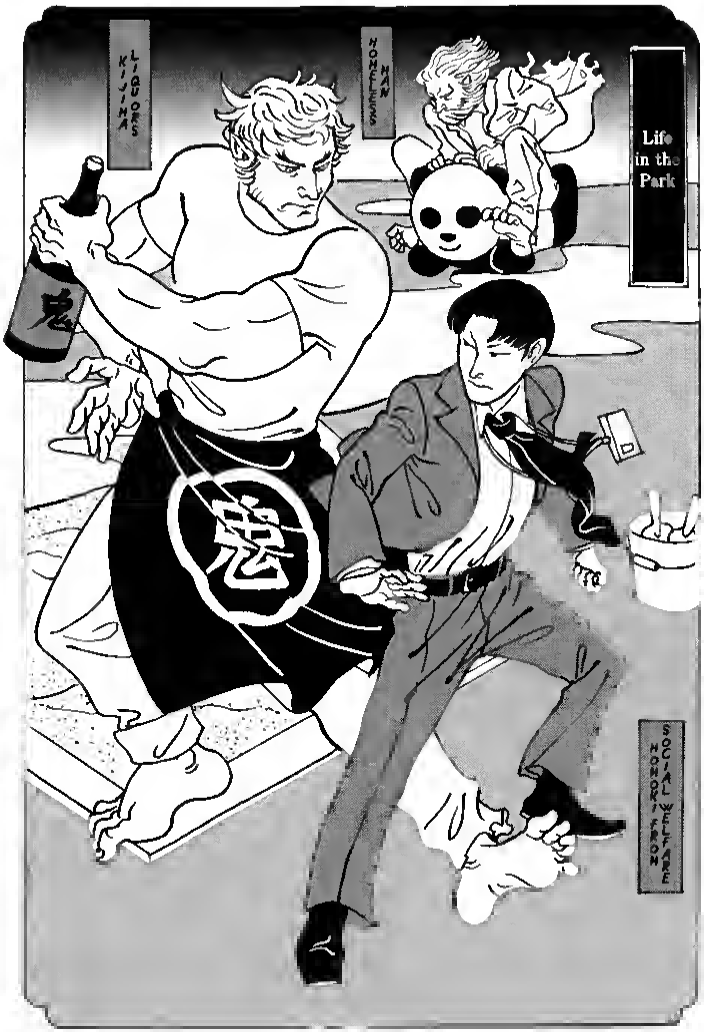

Po-
Lice..
Po-
AND SO, WE'LL BE GOING ON A WEEK-LONG EUROPEAN HONEYMOON
♥
IN GRATITUDE I'VE LIFTED THE CURSE.
MAY THE ROOTS OF YOUR HAIR ALWAYS BE HEALTHY

THAT WITCH SHE'LL REVEAL HER TRUE NATURE ON THAT TRIP AND GET DUMPED AGAIN...
I WISH YOU HAPPINESS!
AT LEAST THE CURSE HAS BEEN LIFTED...

I DIDN'T DO MY HOMEWORK...
OH, YOU'LL GET ANOTHER BEATING...
OH, BY THE WAY, HAS YOUR DAD TRIED SCALP FINAL X?
NO? MAYBE HE DOESN'T HAVE IT
MY OLD MAN TRIED IT AND HE GREW A BUNCH OF FUZZ!


HAIRY CATERPILLAR END


Social Welfare Department
MOMOI-KUN!
MOMOI-KUN!
ONIGASHI-MA PARK?
YES. WE'VE GOTTEN COM-PLAINTS FROM THE PARK SU-PERVISOR AND THE RESIDENTS
YES?
SORRY, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE SOME TIME WOULD YOU GO TO ONIGASHIMA* PARK?
*Onigashima is a mythical island of demons
HOMELESS LOITERING IN THE PARK...?
RECENTLY MANY OF THE HOMELESS HAVE BEEN GATH-ERING THERE



LIFE IN THE PARK

ONIGASHIMA PARK
THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS PEOPLE HAS BEEN INCREASING FOR MANY MONTHS NOW
WITH THEM LIVING IN THE PARK, THE RESIDENTS ARE UNABLE TO USE IT THE REASON FOR COMPLAINTS
I'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE A PRELIMINARY REPORT WITH WHAT I'VE SEEN HERE
I ONLY CAME TO LOOK,
MISTER...
UNTIL RECENTLY MANY OF THEM LIVED IN THE DRY RIVER BEDS...
THERE'S CERTAINLY A LOT OF THEM...

RIGHT HERE
Haha-haha!
OH, IT'S IKEDA
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
MM...
WHERE ARE YOU LIVING?
OI! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!
IKEDA-SAN THIS PARK IS FOR...
chuff
WHO ARE YOU?
DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS WITH IKEDA-SAN?

A BUREAUCRAT, HUH...?
OH, EXCUSE ME.
MY NAME IS MOMOKI. I WORK FOR THE CITY'S SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.
I CAN EXPEDITE THEIR RELOCA-
THIS PARK IS FOR EVERYONE'S USE.
WE HEARD FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE LOITERING IN THIS PARK
CRACK

SKid
UGH!
WHA-
COUGH
GET OUTTA HERE.
LEAVE, YOU BASTARD!
YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHASE THEM OUT OF THEIR HOME!

S-SERIOUSLY?
WILL YOU FILE A REPORT?
NO.
M-M-Momoki-san!
Y-Your face! It must hurt!
IT DOES.
I WENT TO THE PARK IN QUESTION AND HAD A SMALL DISAGREEMENT
FIRST GET YOURSELF CHECKED AT THE HOSPITAL!
I'D LIKE TO SETTLE THIS WITHOUT A FUSS.
BUT-!
I'M GOING HOME

MOMOMART
MY MOLAR HURTS WHERE I WAS PUNCHED
GETTING PUNCHED AT MY AGE
WHO WAS HE?
I DIDN'T SEE HIM AMONG THE HOMELESS.
EVEN SO...
AH, WHAT CAN I DO.
IF THEY RESORT TO VIOLENCE
rattle

AH!
WHAT?

A LIQUOR STORE?!
YOU WORK HERE?
鬼島酒店
YOU! WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?!
I SHOULD ASK YOU THE SAME THING!

KIJIMA LIQUOR STORE...
I OWN THIS PLACE

IS THAT SO?
I ONLY BROKE A MOLAR
IT'S NO BIG DEAL
YOUR INJURY...
DAMN, SORRY ABOUT THAT!
I LASHED OUT WITHOUT THINKING
IT WAS MY DOING
THOSE FOLKS IN THE PARK HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
I WAS DOING THE WORK
YOUR OFFICE DOESN'T DO.
KIJIMA-SAN, WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?
YOU AREN'T HOMELESS, ARE YOU?

DON'T COME NEAR THAT PARK AGAIN
WORK ?
THAT'S RIGHT!
I APOLOGIZE FOR HITTING YOU, BUT...
I'M NOT THERE TO CREATE MISCHIEF
VROOM
FWUMP

pant pant
INU-ZUKA
MOMI-KI-SAN!
TAP TAP TAP
GOOD MORNING
THEY-
I TRIED TO STOP THEM, BUT—
KIJIOKA AND SARUWATARI—
I-IT'S...
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
UM, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THE POLICE DIDN'T GET INVOLVED
THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO CONFRONT THE CULPRIT.
AS I'D THOUGHT, IT SEEMS THEY WERE ANGRY ABOUT YOUR INJURIES FROM YESTERDAY...
pant pant pant
THOSE GUYS—

SARU-WATARI!
KIJIOKA!
WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
MOMIKI-SAN!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
KIJIMA-SAN...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO?

WHAT DID YOU SAY, BASTARD?!
LOOKS LIKE YOU WANNA GET CLOBBERED AGAIN.
SHALL I BREAK A FRONT TOOTH THIS TIME?
IF YOU PLAN TO THROW THEM OUT, I WON'T LET YOU!
ALTHOUGH THEY LOOK BAD THEY'RE GOOD PEOPLE
I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE NOT BACKING DOWN.
THIS PARK IS A PUBLIC SPACE FOR EVERYONE TO USE.
WHEN THE HOMELESS CONGREGATE HERE IT SCARES OFF THE CHILDREN
THAT WON'T DO
THIS IS NOT A PLACE TO LOITER!

THEY CAN COME TO THE CITY HALL SERVICE WINDOW TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.
FOR NOW, I'LL LEAVE CLEARING THIS ENCAMPMENT OUT FOR A-NOTHER DAY
RAGE
YOU!
STOP FUCKING AROUND!
MOMOKI-SAN, I KNOW YOU WANT TO END THIS WITHOUT A FUSS, BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
PLEASE LET GO OF HIM
IF YOU GO ANY FUR-THER, I'M CALLING THE POLICE.
PLEASE WAIT!

YOU...
That's one for our side!
Nice work, Inuzuka-san!
GRR...
EXCUSE ME...
KIJIMA-SAN ISN'T A BAD GUY
YAMA-SAN.
AH, ERR...
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER THINGS HE DOES FOR US, TOO.
HE BRINGS US FOOD AND BOOZE.
KIJIMA-SAN DOESN'T LET US MISS A MEAL
PLEASE DON'T HAVE KIJIMA-SAN ARRESTED.
WE BEG OF YOU
KIJIMA-CHAN WON'T DO ANYTHING ELSE.

I WALKED A LONG WAY FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO GET HERE
THE PROBLEM IS THERE ARE TOO MANY OF US HERE
I SEE.
HOWEVER, THIS PARK ISN'T THE PLACE FOR-
BUT-
BUT...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! YOU GUYS SHOULD STAY!
YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HERE!
MAYBE IF WE ALL GO BACK WHERE WE CAME FROM,
THEY'LL LET KIJIMA-SAN OFF THE HOOK
WHAT?!
IT'S TRUE, THESE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO LIVE SOMEWHERE.
MOMIKI-SAN
WHAT'RE YOU TRYIN' TO SAY?!
WAIT
ISN'T IT BAD THAT THEY JUST KEEP NEGLECTING YOU?!

WHEN THEY DO, I'LL LEAVE THE PARK
THAT'LL SETTLE IT
ALL RIGHT
THE CITY WILL FIND THESE PEOPLE A PLACE TO LIVE
THE CITY DOESN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO HOUSE ALL OF THESE PEOPLE
THAT WILL BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT
WHAT?!
I UNDERSTAND. SOMEHOW, I'LL GET IT DONE
WHA-
THAT'S NOT REA-SONABLE!
THEN FIGURE OUT HOW TO DIVIDE THE RE-SOURCES YOU DO HAVE!

YOU BUREAUCRATS SURE LIKE TO TAKE YOUR SWEET TIME.
SO, I'M NOT GONNA MOVE FROM THIS SPOT
HOWEVER, THAT'S MY OWN RESOLUTION. I STILL HAVE YET TO DECIDE HOW WE'LL DO IT.
HM-PH
WE'LL DISCUSS THE OUT-COME WHEN WE RETURN
YES, SIR!
INUZUKA, KIJIOKA, SARUWATARI!
WE'LL BE LEAVI-NG
OH, THEN WE'LL SOLVE THIS QUICKLY
O

NO, THERE'S SOME TRUTH IN HIS WORDS
HE'S SET HIMSELF TO SOLVE AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION.
THAT'S RIGHT! THAT KIJIMA, OR WHATEVER HIS NAME IS, PUNCHED YOU! LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT!
IS THAT OKAY?
MOMOKI-SAN...
I WANT TO KNOW WHY HE IS SO PERSISTENT.
FUR-THER-MORE
Y-YES, SIR!
YOU'RE ALL VERY CAPABLE.
I'LL BE COUNTING ON THE THREE OF YOU.
INUZUKA! KIJIOKA! SARUWATARI!
YES, SIR!

SO, YOU CAME,
MOMOKI
HMPH
MY COL-LEAGUES ARE QUITE DILIGENT
THAT WAS FAST

RIDING BEHIND YOU IS...
I GOT IT, I GOT IT IT'S FINE, GET ON
YES. WE'VE RELIED ON PRIVATE ENTERPRISES EXPERT IN LARGE-CAPACITY HOUSING
TOSS
THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT YOU'LL GIVE THEM HOUSING LIKE YOU SAID?
YO
ONIGASHIMA PARK
LIKE IT OR NOT, I'M TAKING YOU!
HERE ARE THE SUPPLIES
SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU!
YO
YO, KI-CHAN
KIJIMA-SAN

PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
YES, THAT'S ME.
AREN'T YOU THE OFFICIAL FROM THE OTHER DAY?
OH-
IS THERE ANYONE IN POOR HEALTH?
THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON YOUR LIVING SITUATION
THE LAZY ASSES AT CITY HALL HAVE FINALLY GOTTEN AROUND TO DOING SOME WORK
SIGH
UGH!
THAT'S RIGHT HE HAS SOMETHING TO ANNOUNCE.
YEAH NOW YOU ALL WON'T BE LEFT WITHOUT A PLACE TO LIVE.
WORKING ON OUR.
LIVING SITUATION?
AH

YOU'LL FINALLY BE ACCEPTED INTO SOCIETY
KIJIMA-SAN,
IS THIS WHY YOU CALLED US ALL HERE?
YEAH.
BUT, WE DON'T NEED IT.
WHAT?!
I SEE.
THANK YOU KIJIMA-SAN
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
YOU DID THIS FOR US.
I'M GRATEFUL, BUT...
THE GUYS WHO LIVE HERE ARE ALL PRETTY MUCH LOSERS.

CLENCH
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?!
WE ALL PREFER TO LIVE THIS HAND-TO-MOUTH EXISTENCE
WH-
MANY OF US CAME HERE BECAUSE WE FAILED AT AN ORDINARY LIFE.
BUT I HAVE TO WEIGH THAT TO THE ATTRACTIONS OF THIS LIFESTYLE
THAT DOES WORRY ME,
JUST 'CAUSE YOU'VE MADE A MESS OF THINGS, YOU'RE WILLING TO DIE LIKE A DOG?!
LIVING THIS WAY IS BAD FOR YOU!
THAT'S .
OF COURSE, THERE ARE SOME AMONG YOU THAT MAY WANT TO RETURN TO AN ORDINARY LIFE
SO, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.
NOT AT ALL
I'M SORRY, SIR.
THAT'S

KIJIMA-CHAN, AS WELL
I'LL DO MY VERY BEST
SORRY, MAN
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY
IT'S JUST THAT YOU'RE A LITTLE QUICK WITH YOUR FISTS
ALSO, YOUR FACE IS A LITTLE SCARY
WHY DID YOU TRY TO DO SO MUCH FOR US?

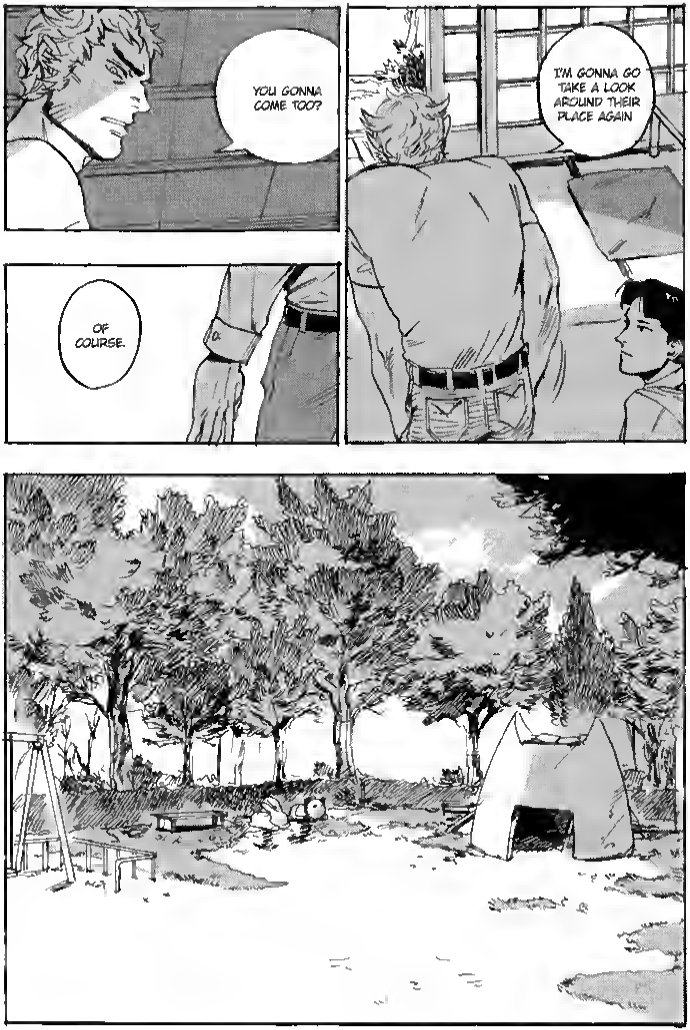
MY FATHER...

DAMN BASTARD
WHEN I WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HE LEFT ME WITH MY GRANDPARENTS AND TOOK OFF
BUT LAST WINTER, A MAN CAME TO MY DOOR
I'D PRETTY MUCH FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM, SO I WAS FINE
I HAD NO IDEA OF HIS WHEREABOUTS
I WAS TOLD TO GIVE THIS TO YOU

INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WAS A PHOTO AND A HOUSE KEY
hustle
I WAS STUNNED AND RAN AFTER THE MAN
THE NEXT TOWN OVER, MY FATHER HAD DIED IN AN ABANDONED APARTMENT
HE'D BEEN REMOVED FROM THE PARK HE'D BEEN LIVING IN, TILL THE MIDDLE OF A COLD NIGHT.

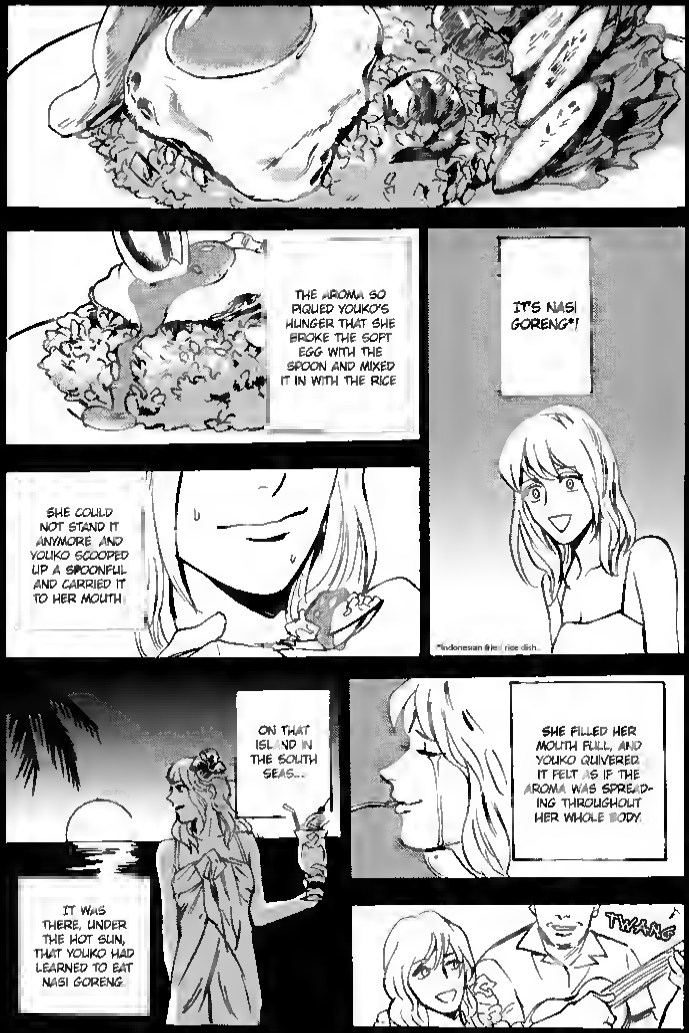
I PITY MY FATHER FOR HIS UNHAPPINESS
HE WAS A HORRIBLE FATHER, BUT...
MAYBE NOT COMPLETELY?
BUT...
I WASN'T ABLE TO GET THOSE PEOPLE OUT OF THERE.
I'D PLANNED TO DO SO MUCH FOR THEM.
WAS MY FATHER HAPPY?
I WONDER IF HE HAD A HAPPY LIFE...
BECAUSE HE DIED IN THAT WAY

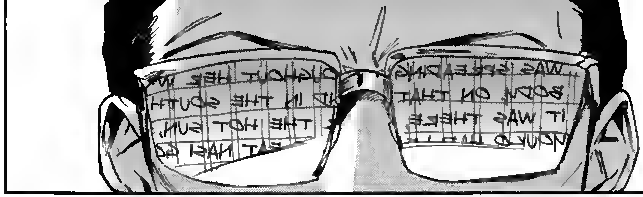
I DON'T KNOW.
I'D ARBITRARILY CONVINCED MYSELF
THAT HE WASN'T HAPPY
BUT MAYBE HE WASN'T LONELY.
IN THE END HE GAVE YOU HIS BELONGINGS
HE DIDN'T WANT TO FORGET YOU.
HE WANTED TO LOOK FOR YOU.

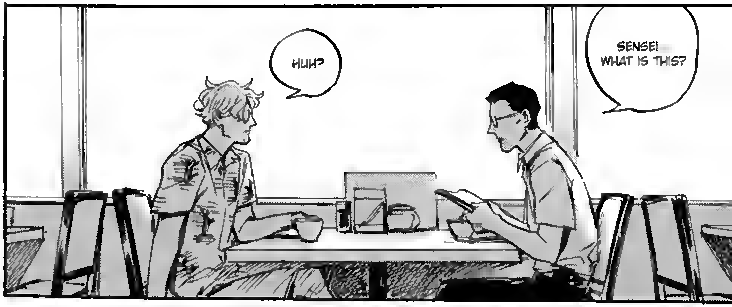


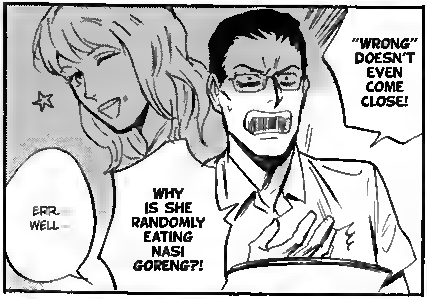
LIFE IN THE PARK END

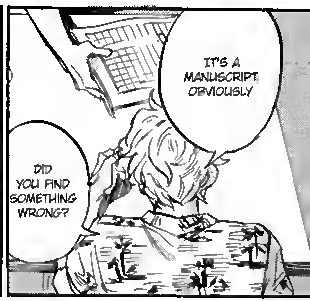
YOUKO WAS EXHAUSTED.
HER FORMER LOVER LAY ON THE GURNEY BUT SHE COULDN'T SEE HIS BODY.
THE GURNEY DISAPPEARED INTO THE DARKNESS WITH A SQUISHING SOUND.
THE MEN WITH THEIR COARSE LAUGHS LED YOUKO TO THE EXAMINATION TABLE
THE LIGHTS ON THE CEILING WERE EXCESSIVELY DAZZLING
FOR, SHE WHO HAD BEEN LOCKED AWAY IN THE DARK FOR SUCH A LONG TIME,
THE CLOSER SHE GOT. THE MORE PUNGENT THE SMELL BECAME THIS SMELL...
FROM THE MOMENT THE REPULSIVE INSTRUMENT HAD ENTERED THE CORNER OF HIS EYE AND HE HAD CRIED OUT SHE HAD LOST ALL OF HER STRENGTH


THE AROMA SO PIQUED YOUKO'S HUNGER THAT SHE BROKE THE SOFT EGG WITH THE SPOON AND MIXED IT IN WITH THE RICE
IT'S NASI GORENG*!
*Indonesian fried rice dish.
SHE COULD NOT STAND IT ANYMORE AND YOUKO SCOOPED UP A SPOONFUL AND CARRIED IT TO HER MOUTH
ON THAT ISLAND IN THE SOUTH SEAS...
IT WAS THERE, UNDER THE HOT SUN, THAT YOUKO HAD LEARNED TO EAT NASI GORENG
SHE FILLED HER MOUTH FULL, AND YOUKO QUIVERED. IT FELT AS IF THE AROMA WAS SPREADING THROUGHOUT HER WHOLE BODY.
TWANG

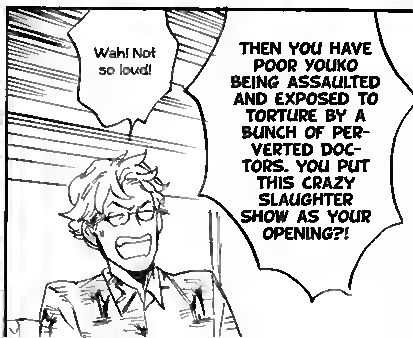



HUH?
SENSEI! WHAT IS THIS?


"WRONG" DOESN'T EVEN COME CLOSE!
ERR... WELL...
WHY IS SHE RANDOMLY EATING NASI GORENG?!

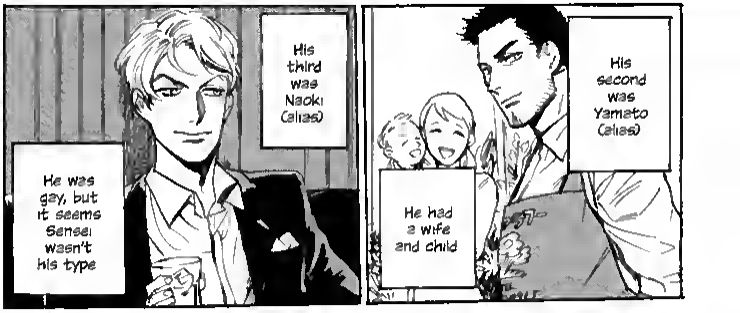

IT'S A MANUSCRIPT OBVIOUSLY
DID YOU FIND SOMETHING WRONG?

SENSEI...


Wah! Not so loud!
THEN YOU HAVE POOR YOUKO BEING ASSAULTED AND EXPOSED TO TORTURE BY A BUNCH OF PERVERTED DOCTORS. YOU PUT THIS CRAZY SLAUGHTER SHOW AS YOUR OPENING?!

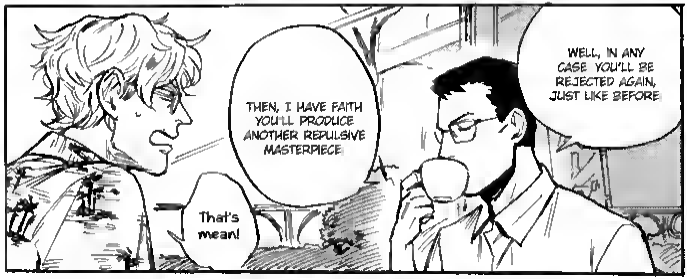
THAT'S A BAD HABIT OF YOURS.
I CAN'T HELP IT.
ARE YOU IN LOVE AGAIN?
YES
LATELY YOU'VE BECOME POPULAR
HUH? REALLY?
When I'm in love, I can't concentrate on work
ARE YOU A BLUSHING MAIDEN?!
THAT'S BECAUSE NACKI HAD COME TO LOOK AT ME AS IF I WAS TRASH
HEH.
THIS GUY
OH, THE ONE WHERE N'OKI DIES...?
YES, THAT ONE.
YEAH, YOUR LAST BOOK WAS QUITE POPULAR.

As far as I know, his first was Yuuya (alias).
He didn't have a girlfriend, but he was straight
DON'T MAKE SUCH A DISGUSTED FACE.
He falls in love easily.
IT'S TRUE YOU'VE SCOLDED ME FOR MY BAD BEHAVIOR BEFORE, BUT...


His third was Naoki (alias).
He was gay, but it seems Sensei wasn't his type
His second was Yamato (alias).
He had a wife and child

He was instantly rejected by all of them.
During those times, he would take up his pen with a curse on his lips.
His fourth was Katsuya (alias).
Youko
He had a cute girlfriend.

With some direction, he was able to keep in check his preference of portraying men over women
YEAH IT WAS HORRIBLE
Yeh so good
As a result, he was able to complete one of his erotic-grotesque splatter novels.


That's mean!
THEN, I HAVE FAITH YOU'LL PRODUCE ANOTHER REPULSIVE MASTERPIECE
WELL, IN ANY CASE YOU'LL BE REJECTED AGAIN, JUST LIKE BEFORE

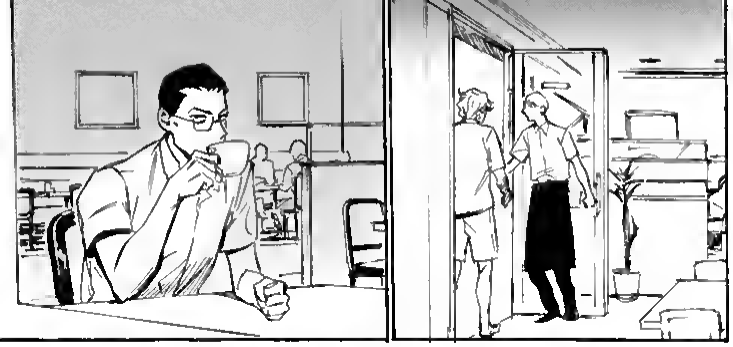
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
WHO'S THE NEXT VICTIM?
Now, what should I have?

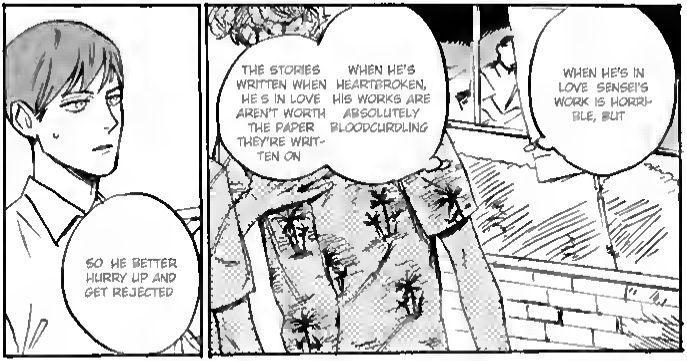
HAHAHA KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT
IT'LL WORK OUT THIS TIME

HEHEH. WHY DO YOU THINK I ASKED YOU TO MEET ME HERE?
IT'S HIM.
HUH?!
WH-WHY...?!
BECAUSE I SPOTTED HIM, AND I KNOW HE'S GOT THE TYPE OF FACE YOU LIKE.
YOU'RE EASY TO UNDERSTAND.
Well, his smile is nice.
HIS NAME IS...
I HEARD SOMEONE CALL HIM MITSURU-KUN. WHAT A NICE NAME.
I WANNA CALL HIM MICCHAN
So cute!

GO RIGHT AHEAD.
YES, SIR.
I'D LIKE TO ORDER.
EXCUSE ME.
SNAP
HUH?
HE HAS SOMETHING HE WANTS TO SAY TO YOU
OMURICE FOR ME
YES, SIR
AND..
Hey!
YES, DESPERATELY
Huh?!
HE... DOES?

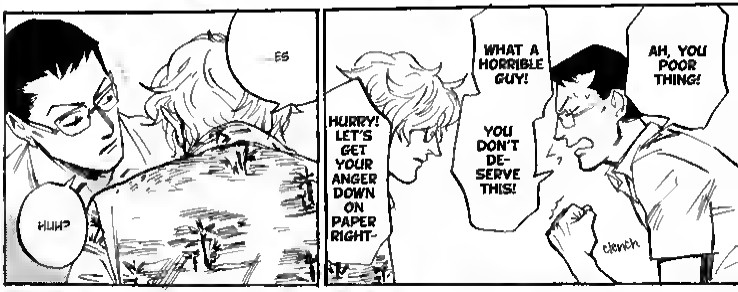
YOU MIGHT AS WELL PUT YOUR CARDS ON THE TABLE.
BUT YOU...!
IT'S FINE.
NOW, NOW, SENSEI
YOOO-UUUU
YANK
YOU'RE LOOKING YOUR BEST TODAY, SENSEI
Huh?
YOUR HAIR IS WAVY AND THE COLOR IS PERFECT
YOUR STUBBLE IS DISTINGUISHED,
AND YOUR HAWAIIAN SHIRT IS HIP
Y-You think so?
WITHOUT A DOUBT, MITSURU-KUN IS FALLING FOR YOU!
I-Is that so? Hahaha!
SO, YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR TALK
HUH?! SURE...
AH, IT'S FINE IF YOU BRING MY ORDER LATER




SO HE BETTER HURRY UP AND GET REJECTED
THE STORIES WRITTEN WHEN HE'S IN LOVE AREN'T WORTH THE PAPER THEY'RE WRITTEN ON
WHEN HE'S HEARTBROKEN, HIS WORKS ARE ABSOLUTELY BLOODCURDLING
WHEN HE'S IN LOVE SENSEI'S WORK IS HORRIBLE, BUT

Mitsuru-kun, I have nothing against you, but
For Sensei's sake, and for his publisher, you just have to be the bait

SENSEI!
NOW
WHAT SHOULD I SAY FOR MY CONSOLATION SPEECH?
rattle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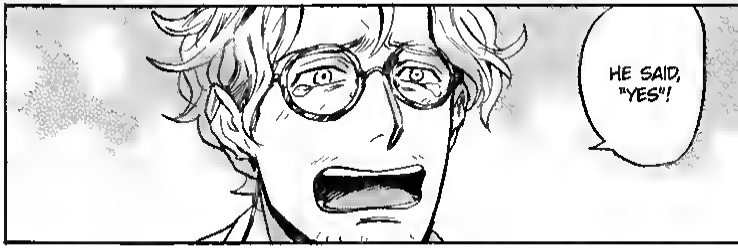
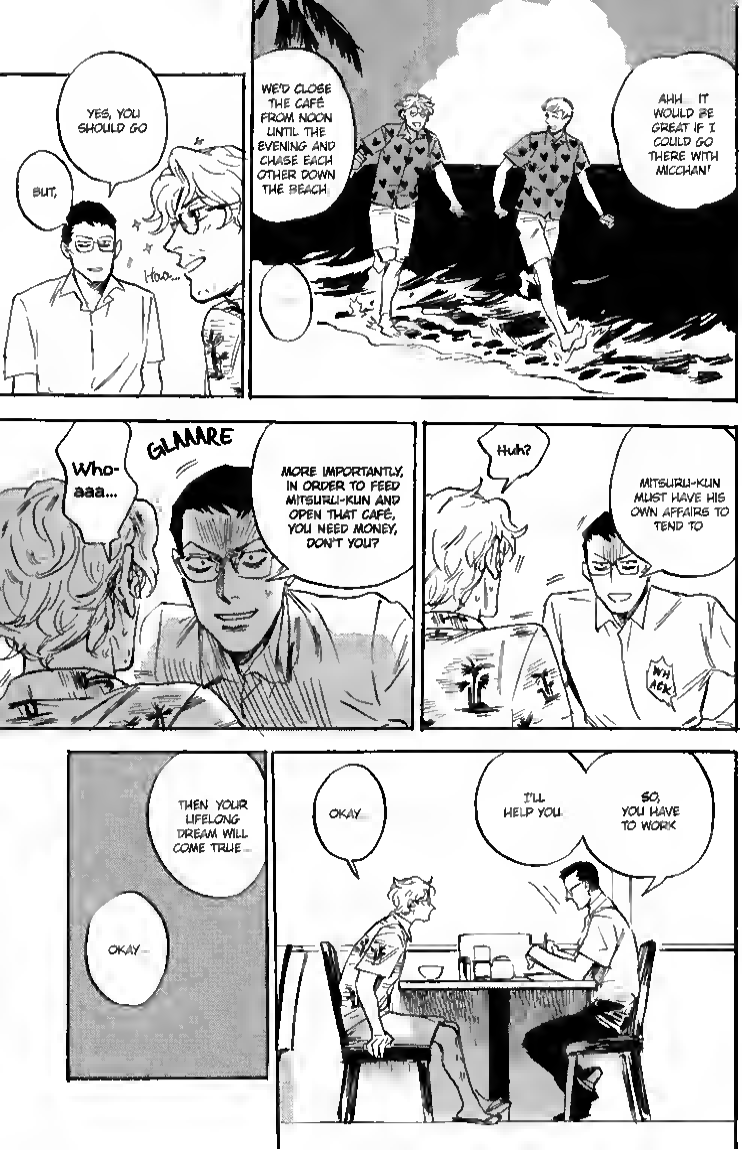
HUH?
HURRY! LET'S GET YOUR ANGER DOWN ON PAPER RIGHT-
WHAT A HORRIBLE GUY!
YOU DON'T DE-SERVE THIS!
AH, YOU POOR THING!
clench


HE SAID, "YES"!

HUH?

HE SAID "YES"...?
REALLY?
He said it twice! ♡
Th-This is a first. What do I do?
IT'S A FIRST FOR ME AS WELL!
As you'd expect, I don't know what to do.
What do I wear on a date?!
HUUU-HHH?!
THE FALLOUT WILL BE SEVERE.
IF THE RELATIONSHIP GOES ON FOR A LONG TIME,
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
WELL...
THANKS FOR WAITING

I'D LIKE TO OPEN UP A LITTLE CAFE ON A SOUTH SEAS ISLAND WITH MY FUTURE LOVE!! THAT'S MY DREAM.
I...
YES?
IT'S BEEN MY LIFE-LONG DREAM
TO TAKE THE FRUITS OF MY LOVE AND GO TO A SOUTH SEAS ISLAND
REALLY
Right?
Very much.
S THAT SO...? THAT'S A NICE DREAM
I CAN HEAR THE WHISPERING SOUND OF THE WAVES.
THE INSTANT I FALL IN LOVE,
SO THAT'S WHY YOUKO WAS CRAVING NASI GORENG
and I want to eat spicy things.
My entire body becomes feverish,


AWW... IT WOULD BE GREAT IF I COULD GO THERE WITH MICCHAN!
WE'D CLOSE THE CAFÉ FROM NOON UNTIL THE EVENING AND CHASE EACH OTHER DOWN THE BEACH.
YES, YOU SHOULD GO
BUT,
Haa...
MITSURU-KUN MUST HAVE HIS OWN AFFAIRS TO TEND TO
Huh?
NYAOK
GLAAARE
MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN ORDER TO FEED MITSURU-KUN AND OPEN THAT CAFÉ, YOU NEED MONEY, DON'T YOU?
Who-aaa...
SO, YOU HAVE TO WORK
I'LL HELP YOU.
OKAY...
THEN, YOUR LIFELONG DREAM WILL COME TRUE...
OKAY...

HUH? A SOUTH SEAS ISLAND?
SOUNDS AMAZING

RIGHT?
AS I THOUGHT, IT'S REALLY FUN TALKING WITH YOU, SENSEI

NO, IT'S GREAT!
A TRENDY CAFÉ OR SOME-THING
HUH? REALLY?
I THOUGHT YOU'D LAUGH AT ME

I REALLY ADMIRE YOU

YOU HAVE SO MUCH PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE.
YOUR NOVELS, EATING

I ENVY YOU
I'M NOT SURE OF WHAT I WANT TO DO IN THE FUTURE
I HAVEN'T REALLY CONSIDERED ANYTHING SINCE ENTERING UNIVERSITY
COME
THAT IS
Then!
Uh-
HM?
WITH—
WITH-
COME?

PLEASE, COME WITH ME TO THE SOUTH SEAS ISLAND.
Ugh! I'll never be able to propose to Micchan with the way I am now!
WELL, IT WAS ONLY YOUR FIRST DATE, AFTER ALL...
YOU EVEN LET HIM CALL YOU "SENSEI"? THAT'S DISGUSTING
BUT THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL A NOVELIST!
I. I couldn't say it
THAT'S GOOD. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE TOO FORWARD
AAH, I REALLY LIKED BEING WITH MICCHAN
Hoo...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
WELL, WELL
WHAT YOU SHOULD REALLY BE FOCUSING ON IS THIS HERE
HUH? IS THERE SOMETHING WEIRD? I TRIED MY HARDEST!
?
WHETHER IT'S WEIRD OR SOMETHING ELSE, ISN'T THIS JUST A REHASH OF YOUR LAST NOVEL?!

WELL, I'LL BE-!
THAT'S STRANGE. BUT I WAS THINKING ABOUT OLD GRIEVANCES WHILE WRITING IT.
LOOK! THIS TORTURE SCENE DIDN'T YOU USE IT IN YOUR LAST ONE?
HUH? NO WAY!
FROM HERE TO HERE, IT'S THE SAME PLOT LINE AS YOUKO'S DEATH!
IT'S JUST AS ALWAYS. WHEN I REMEMBER BEING DUMPED I'M USUALLY ABLE TO WRITE SOMETHING GOOD, BUT
I'M BEING HONEST, REALLY!
SEN-SEI—
AHH, DAMN. SHALL I RE-WRITE IT?
I UNDER-STAND
JUST AS I THOUGHT...

SENSEI, IF-
BUT,
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU WRITE IT AGAIN? WON'T IT COME OUT THE SAME?
IT'S CURRENTLY NOT LOOKING SO WELL.
DON'T TELL ME TO LEAVE HIM.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I WAS SUCCESSFUL IN LOVE
BECAUSE...
I'M AN EDITOR, IF YOU DON'T WRITE FOR ME, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO.
AND I REALLY LIKE HIM
I THINK YOU CAN LIVE WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE TOO, SENSEI.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITH THE PERSON THEY LOVE
NONETHELESS, I THINK IT'LL BE OKAY

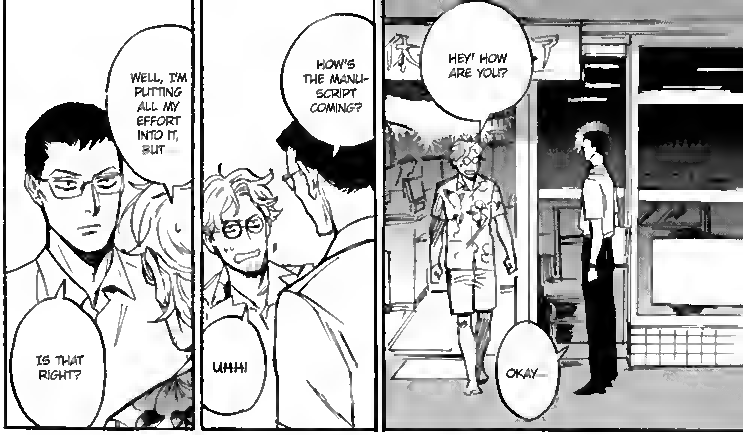
IT'LL BE A SHAME IF PEOPLE STOP READING YOUR STORIES.
IT'S JUST THAT,
THANKS
KA-CHAK
CALL ME WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE IT
SURE
Hoo...

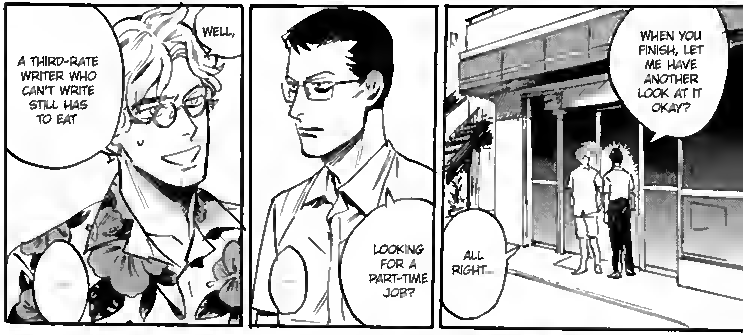
THE SOUTH SEAS ISLAND SURE IS FAR AWAY.
THANKS FOR WAITING
clink
WOW!
YOU SCARED ME
WHEN YOU SUDDENLY CALLED SAYING YOU WERE DYING
WELL, I'D BEEN BUSY WRITING SO I HADN'T EATEN ANYTHING
SORRY FOR COMING OVER
JUST FOR A FREE MEAL
AHHH
CHINESE FRIED RICE!

Ohhh, Micchan, you're the best!
THANK YOUUU.
SQUEAL
IF IT'S TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR WORK,
YOU CAN CALL ME ANYTIME, SENSEI.
SENSEI— HAS WORK BEEN HARD?
YEAH—
HMM I'M IN A SLUMP
WELL...
WELL,
MAYBE I'M JUST NOT GOOD AFTER ALL.
YEAH...
WRITING A NOVEL CAN'T BE EASY.

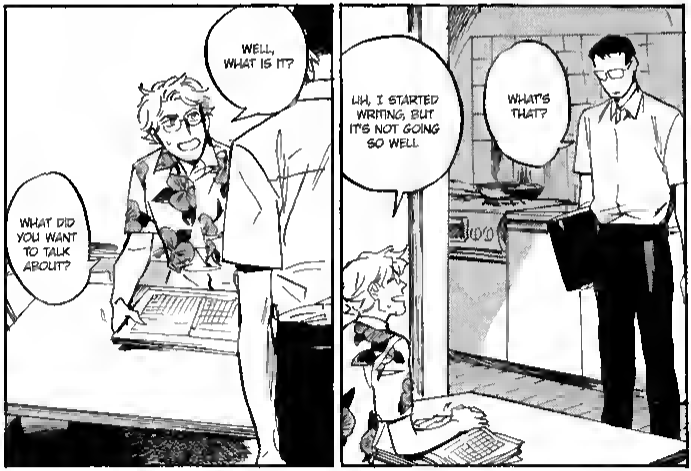
I'VE ALWAYS JUST WRITTEN WHATEVER, SO NOW MY INEPTITUDE IS COMING HOME TO ROOST
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY TALENT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING
BESIDES
WELL,
IT'S NICE TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT
BUT YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES.
tink
SO I DON'T KNOW ABOUT SLUMPS OR ANYTHING
I'M NOT A WRITER,
I'D LIKE YOU EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T WRITE SENSE!

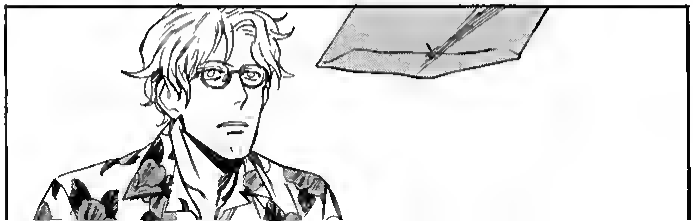
AS EXPECTED, I DON'T WANT TO LET GO OF HIM!
UUU!
SENSEI?
cityWORK
OH!
knock knock
SENSEI!
!
chuff


HEY! HOW ARE YOU?
OKAY...
HOW'S THE MANUSCRIPT COMING?
UHH!
WELL, I'M PUTTING ALL MY EFFORT INTO IT, BUT...
IS THAT RIGHT?


WHEN YOU FINISH, LET ME HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT IT OKAY?
ALL RIGHT...
LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB?
WELL,
A THIRD-RATE WRITER WHO CAN'T WRITE STILL HAS TO EAT

I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT...
YE/H?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME UP?
SURE


WELL, WHAT IS IT?
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
UH, I STARTED WRITING, BUT IT'S NOT GOING SO WELL
WHAT'S THAT?



THE SOUTH SEAS.
THIS MORNING, I RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER
THIS LITERARY PRIZE WAS LAST AWARDED SOME YEARS AGO, BUT IT'S BEEN REVIVED RECENTLY
WHAT IS THIS?
RIP
SENSEI I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT YOU'D BECOME POPULAR, RIGHT?
YOUR NOVEL WON THE PRIZE
CONGRA-TULATIONS
LOOKS LIKE YOU'LL BE OPENING YOUR CAFÉ ON THAT SOUTH SEAS ISLAND SOON
BUT PEOPLE WILL BE TALKING ABOUT YOU, AND YOUR PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED BOOKS WILL BE FLYING OFF THE SHELVES.
THE PRIZE MONEY ISN'T THAT GREAT

IT'LL BE BAD IF YOUR NOVELS WILL NO LONGER BE READ.
BUT I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FRET OVER IT.
SENSEI,
WITH THAT MONEY, YOUR DREAM WILL COME TRUE.
IF YOU'RE ABLE TO FIND HAPPINESS,
I'LL BE CHEERING YOU ON.
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
THANK YOU.
I-
I HAVE TO GO.
I UNDER-STAND.

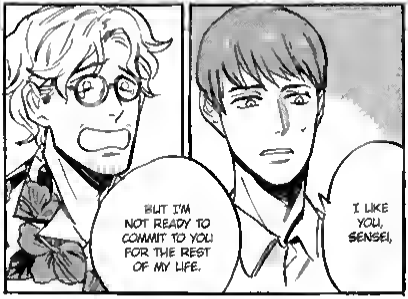
KA-CHAK
DA-DAH

FAP

MICCHAN!

IS THIS A GOOD TIME?
SURE.
SENSEI?
ERR...
HM?
I WANT...
YOU TO COME TO THE SOUTH SEAS WITH ME

I'M SORRY.

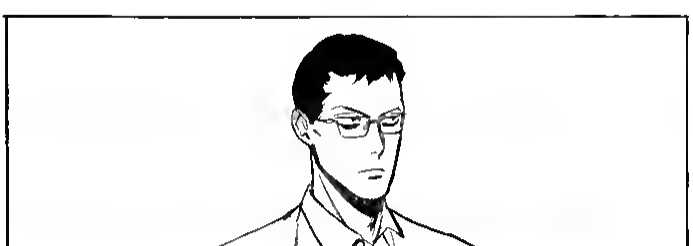

I LIKE YOU, SENSEI.
BUT I'M NOT READY TO COMMIT TO YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

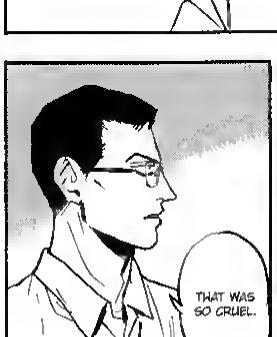
OH!
Uh-
I...
Hey, uh..
I didn't mean right this minute.

I WASN'T CONSIDERING ANYTHING TO BE SERIOUS.
I WAS JUST HAVING SOME FUN.
AS FAR AS MY FUTURE GOES...

I'M SORRY, YOU'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS SO SERIOUSLY
OH, WELL.

KIDS
KIDS...?
I'LL FIND SOME SERIOUS WORK SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER
LIVE AS AN ADULT,
GET MARRIED, AND HAVE KIDS
AREN'T THOSE YOUR DREAMS?
SORRY FOR SAYING SOMETHING SO CRUEL
WHY?
THAT'S RIGHT!




THAT WAS SO CRUEL.

His smile was so cute from beginning to end.

SENSEI,
WILL MITSURU-KUN WORK FOR YOUR NEXT STORY?

I was on cloud nine all by myself!
YEAH IT SEEMS SO
That's mean!

I'M ALL WASHED UP I CAN'T EVEN GET ANGRY OR HATE HIM
DESPITE THE FACT HE DUMPED ME
NO-
NO WAY. I CAN'T KILL MICCHAN
I CAN NO LONGER WRITE WHEN FILLED WITH THAT KIND OF HATRED
THE SPELL HAS BEEN BROKEN.
HE WAS THE FIRST PERSON WHO LOVED ME
EVEN SO PLEASE PICK UP THE PEN
SENSEI,

THE WAY YOU KILLED OFF YOUKO WAS EXCEPTIONAL.
I'VE READ YOUR NEW MANUSCRIPT
THE WAY YOU'VE BECOME, I THINK YOU CAN KILL MITSURU-KUN EVEN WITHOUT ANGER OR HATRED
IT'S A DEPICTION OF CRUELTY AMIDST LOVE
IT WAS QUITE SATISFYING
YEAH..?
LET'S WRITE SOME MORE, SENSEI
BESIDES...
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS NOW, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO GOOD WORK

TO BE HONEST,
I'M GLAD YOU WON'T BE LEAVING FOR THE SOUTH SEAS
SINCE IT'S YOUR DREAM,
I'D PLANNED TO GIVE YOU MY SUPPORT BUT
IT'S NOT THAT SURPRISING
SINCE IT IS MY DREAM...
TO CREATE THE MOST EROTIC, GROTESQUE NOVEL OF ALL TIME WITH YOU

AH.
HM?
I CAN HEAR THE SOUNDS OF THE WAVES
HUH?
THE SOUND OF THE WAVES END

AN ELDER BROTHER'S CONFESSION
ANIKI, TAKE YOUR DICK OUT.
TUG TUG
WAIT WAIT, WAIT WAIT!
YOU HEARD ME, TAKE IT OUT
HUH?
clamber
HUH?
YOU'RE BEING UNFAIR.
YOU GOT IT WRONG
DIDN'T YOU GET TO SEE MY DICK AND MY BALLS AND EVEN MY BUTTHOLE?!
WHILE I WAS UNABLE TO MOVE,
GRAB
YOUR INJURIES ARE FINALLY HEALED,
BUT DID YOU SOMEHOW HIT YOUR HEAD OR SOMETHING?

THAT'S WHY...
I'M GOING TO WASH MY HANDS.
I wanna die.
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, IT ALL BUILT UP.
AND YOU MADE ME COME WITH YOUR HAND AND STUFF...
I WAS TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING...
AND WHY IS THAT?
...YOU HAVE TO TAKE YOUR DICK OUT.
HEY, ISN'T IT OKAY IF WE DO IT FOR EACH OTHER?
OR
ARE YOU THAT UNWILLING TO SHOW ME YOUR DICK?
OBVIOUSLY SO I CAN JERK YOU OFF.
IF WE DO IT FOR EACH OTHER, IT'LL MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.
SINCE I CAN'T RELAX HERE,
SHALL WE TAKE IT TO THE BEDROOM?
NO!
FINE.
YOU WANT ME TO DO IT AGAIN?
YOU'RE SAYING THIS BECAUSE YOU WANT ME TO JERK YOU OFF AREN'T YOU?
WHAT?!

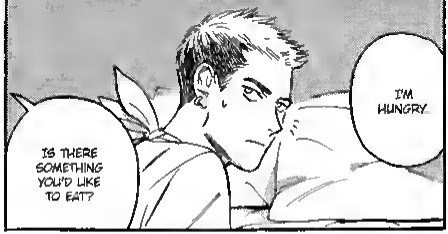
WAIT, ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU WATCH THIS KIND OF THING
ISN'T THAT NORMAL
close
DO YOU WANNA WATCH A PORN VIDEO?
UH SURE.
WHY?
DO YOU REALLY WATCH THIS KIND OF THING?
NO REASON.
DO YOU PREFER SOMEONE ELSE?
OH,
LOOKS KIND OF LIKE AGEHA
NO I REALLY LIKE HER
Honor Student
A SAINTLY IMAGE?
I JUST HAD THIS IMAGE OF YOU FROM WHEN I WAS A KID,
HAHA!
THAT YOU WOULDN'T KEEP THIS KIND OF THING AROUND THE HOUSE
TSUZUKI
I JUST HID IT FROM YOU.
BUT I DID HAVE THIS KIND OF THING BACK THEN.
SERI-OUSLY?

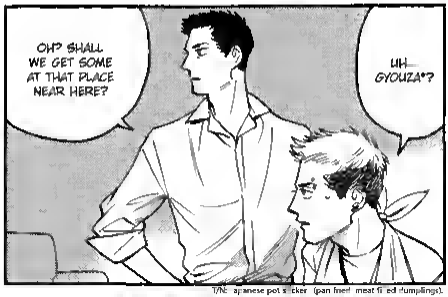
ME TOO, HUH?
YOU TAKE YOURS OFF TOO, ANIKI
WAIT
Do it
OH!
NEED HELP TAKING THOSE OFF?
OH, YEAH.
ANIKI...
HOW IS IT?
LET ME CONCEN-TRATE
HAH
HA-AH
MH-
AHH♡
AHH-
HEY
SURE, BUT...
Ah
AHH
Oh
Ahh
Ah
Ha
Hah

IT'S ALL RIGHT TO TURN IT OFF?
ANIKI,
LET'S TURN OFF THE VIDEO.
I CAN'T CONCENTRATE.
The girl's voice is too loud.
quiet
HEY... LET'S HURRY UP AND FINISH
SHRRRR
RIGHT!
UH...
YEAH...?
ALL RIGHT, THEN.
click
HAH...
AHHHH...

AG-GH
SHIT
ANI... KI!
I'M COM-ING!
I'M-
shiver
AHH...
ME TOO
AGH...
COM-ING!
COM-ING!
WAIT...
WAIT
shiver
snort
AH... SHIT
Pant
I'M... GONNA COME...
NGH!
Ha...
PU
LL
LNGH?
HUD SDER
HUD SDER
HUD SDER
NGH!
LNGH!
NGGHH?!
drool

WH-
FWAH!
WH-WHY...
DID YOU KISS ME?!
...JUST GOING WITH THE FLOW
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF FLOW IS THAT?!
UGH...
SERIOUSLY, WHY DID YOU HAVE TO KISS ME?
I'M GONNA TAKE IT THE WRONG WAY
HUH?
BUT... HATE IT...?
NO, YOU GOT IT RIGHT.
DID YOU HATE IT?





T/N: Japanese pot sticker (pan fried meat filled dumplings).

HEH...
SO WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO COME LIVE WITH YOU,
SNAP
WERE YOU LOOKING AT YOUR LITTLE BROTHER LIKE THAT,
ONII-CHAN?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH IT.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, WE CAN JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
SORRY.
HUH?!
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE?!
STEP
STEP
THAT'S WHY I APOLOGIZED
AH MAN, YOU'RE SO UNFAIR!
SORRY FOR NOT BEING A SAINT
...
THIS IS THE PLACE, TSUZUKI.

AN ELDER BROTHER'S CONFESSION END

WHAT'S WRONG?
NOTHING
MY HOME
BUT THERE ARE THREE BEDROOMS.
WELL, IT'S AN APARTMENT MEANT FOR A FAMILY
master bedroom
bed room
bed room
balcony
WERE YOU PLANNING ON LIVING HERE WITH A GIRLFRIEND?
ISN'T IT TOO BIG FOR YOU ALONE?
THIS PLACE IS REALLY BIG
NO...
MY PLANS ARE ALWAYS BACKFIRING LIKE THAT
BUT I WAS TOO LATE
...INVITE YOU AND MOM TO LIVE HERE
I'D PLANNED TO
Haha!
WHAT A WASTE THERE'S ENOUGH ROOM FOR THREE PEOPLE.
THE TRUTH IS,

MOM WAS ALWAYS WORRYING ABOUT YOU.
I'VE ALREADY SAID THIS MORE OR LESS, BUT...
BECAUSE I'M HERE NOW
BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO FOLLOW THROUGH EVENTUALLY
SQUIT
SINCE WE'RE FINALLY TOGETHER,
DON'T GO DISAPPEARING ON ME AGAIN
IS THAT RIGHT? SOUNDS LIKE YOU MISSED ME TOO
TOUSLE
I DID
SHE WAS ALSO ALWAYS COMPLAINING ABOUT YOU,
SIGH
TO THE POINT WHERE I TOLD HER WE SHOULD JUST GO SEE YOU.
WHOA, YOU'LL HAVE A LOT TO APOLOGIZE FOR.
NOT ONLY DID YOU GO DOWN THE WRONG PATH BUT YOU TOTALLY RAN OFF THE RAILS WHEN YOU STARTED LAYING YOUR HANDS ON YOUR LITTLE BROTHER.
WHEN WE HAVE TIME, LET'S GO VISIT MOM'S AND DAD'S GRAVES
I WON'T

MY HOME END

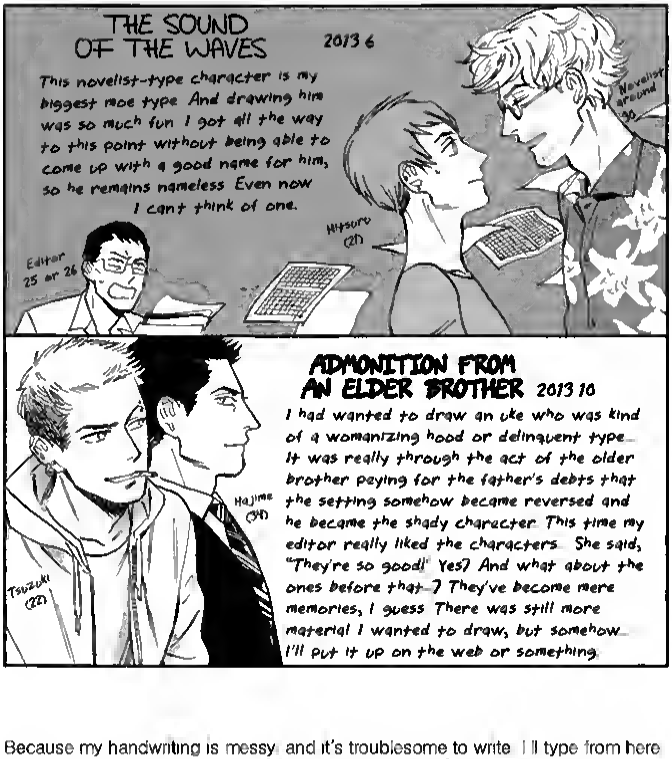
兄の忠告

THE BROTHER'S ADVICE

MESSY HANDWRITING

AFTERWORD, ETC.

THE SWERVE 2012.10
Yoichi 30-40
Ikezou 30
This was my first original BL manga...?
Only they weren't boys, and there wasn't any love...
I seem to recall thinking "I love moustaches!", when I was drawing it.
It appeared in a "Risky Business" issue and in a "Japanese Exports" issue.
I launched myself with vigor!
HAIRY CATERPILLAR 2013.2
Shou (17)
Dai (16)
Witch (37)
The title is hideous.
I like bishounen, but in this case, the beauty was covered head to toe in hair... It was really fun drawing the gakuran and such. I also really enjoyed drawing the witch. It's fun to think that in ten years, their height difference will be reversed...
Kyuma 26 something
Life in the Park 2013.4
Does the punch line somehow result in Boys Love...?
There were times when I thought it was just a huge amount of chaos. When I look at it now, it's not that chaotic.
Homoki 26 something


THE SOUND OF THE WAVES
2013 6
This novelist-type character is my biggest moe type. And drawing him was so much fun. I got all the way to this point without being able to come up with a good name for him, so he remains nameless. Even now I can't think of one.
Editor 25 or 26
Hitsuru (21)
Novelist around 30
ADMONITION FROM AN ELDER BROTHER
2013 10
I had wanted to draw an uke who was kind of a womanizing hood or delinquent type. It was really through the act of the older brother paying for the father's debts that the setting somehow became reversed and he became the shady character. This time my editor really liked the characters. She said, "They're so good!" Yes? And what about the ones before that...? They've become mere memories, I guess. There was still more material I wanted to draw, but somehow... I'll put it up on the web or something.
Hajime (24)
Tsuzuki (22)

Because my handwriting is messy, and it's troublesome to write, I'll type from here. Thank you so very much for reading up to this point!! This is my first comic. "If I tell you I've never drawn original BL before, would you say it was good?", is what I'm asking. Or does it look like something squeezed out in desperation? Or as if someone very stupid drew it...? The slightest praise is welcomed, so read it with your hearts, please. If you enjoyed it even the smallest bit, then that makes me very happy. And to my editor, I'm very sorry for causing so much trouble.

朝田ねむい
Asada Nemui

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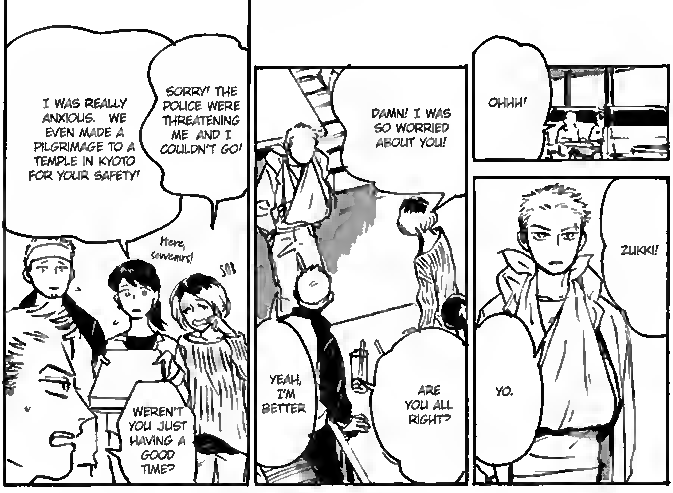
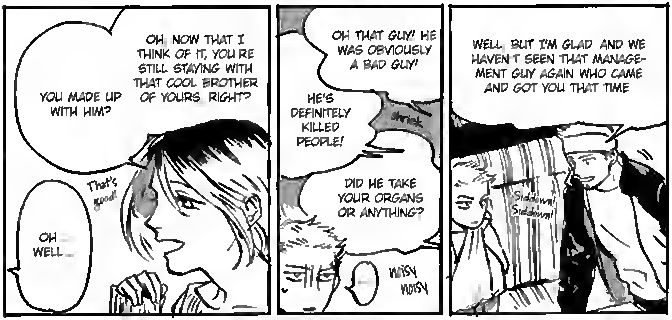
My Home	New work


I WAS REALLY ANXIOUS. WE EVEN MADE A PILGRIMAGE TO A TEMPLE IN KYOTO FOR YOUR SAFETY!
SORRY! THE POLICE WERE THREATENING ME AND I COULDN'T GO!
Here, souvenir!
WEREN'T YOU JUST HAVING A GOOD TIME?
DAMN! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
YEAH, I'M BETTER
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OHHH!
ZUKK!
YO.


OH, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, YOU'RE STILL STAYING WITH THAT COOL BROTHER OF YOURS, RIGHT?
YOU MADE UP WITH HIM?
That's good!
OH WELL...
OH THAT GUY! HE WAS OBVIOUSLY A BAD GUY!
He's definitely killed people!
Shriek
DID HE TAKE YOUR ORGANS OR ANYTHING?
NOISY
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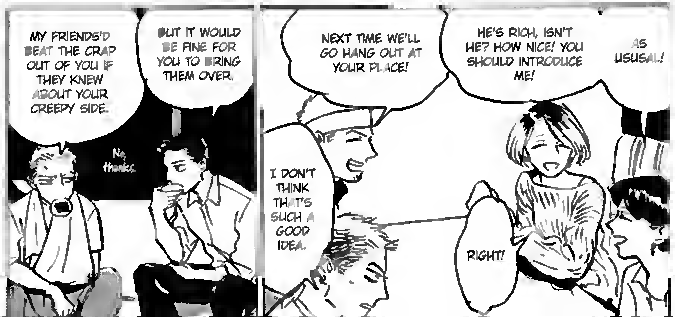
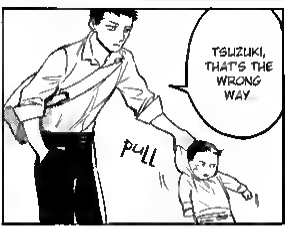
WELL, BUT I'M GLAD AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN THAT MANAGEMENT GUY AGAIN WHO CAME AND GOT YOU THAT TIME
Suddenly!
Suddenly!


MY FRIENDS'D BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF YOU IF THEY KNEW ABOUT YOUR CREEPY SIDE.
BUT IT WOULD BE FINE FOR YOU TO BRING THEM OVER.
No, thanks.
NEXT TIME WE'LL GO HANG OUT AT YOUR PLACE!
HE'S RICH, ISN'T HE? HOW NICE! YOU SHOULD INTRODUCE ME!
AS USUAL!
I DON'T THINK TH...IT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA.
RIGHT!

Tsuzuki (younger brother)
Hajime (older brother)
Hanami
2014.04.05
T/N: Cherry blossom viewing.
LOOK. WE C✱N SEE CHERRY TREES FROM HERE.
UH... YEAH. WELL, THEY ARE, BUT...
THAT'S NOT REALLY HANAMI.
CAN'T WE LOOK AT THEM ANYWHERE?
NORMALLY YOU WOULDN'T VIEW THEM FROM SO FAR AWAY
Flump
NO, NO.
When we're together?
THERE ARE FAMOUS PLACES CLOSE BY FOR VIEWING, SO LET'S GO TO ONE OF THOSE.
WON'T THEY BE CROWDED...?
AND THERE'LL BE PEOPLE WE KNOW AND WHATNOT
Hey, nice camera
And OLD DUDES who sell stuff
End
Compromised by going to a nearby park



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